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TODAY'S WEATHER: Moderate Northeast winds, fresh or strong at times in exposed places. Fair.
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Sweeping Gains Claimed

Nanking, Dec. 1.—Sweeping gains were claimed last night in a Ministry of National Defence communique which reported Nationalist troops striking out southward from Hsuchow were fast advancing on Suhsien after overcoming grim Communist resistance.

Following their successful occupation of Tsaotsun, on the Kiangsu-Anhwei border, General Sun Yuan-liang's forces scored further gains and in another battle yesterday annihilated more than 7,000 men of Chen Yi's Third Army and captured another 800, the communique claimed.

South of Suhsien, Government troops were said to be conducting their operations "according to plan," with the northern and southern columns assisted by powerful air squadrons, tightening their pincer attack upon the Communists above Pengpu.—Reuter-AAP.

Ambassadorial Post For Mrs Roosevelt?

Washington, Nov. 30.—The White House on Monday declined to comment on a report that President Truman has offered to name Mrs Franklin D. Roosevelt, widow of the late President, as United States Ambassador to France.

Reporters told the Presidential Secretary, Mr Charles G. Ross, that the report was carried on the radio on Sunday night.

"I have no comment," Mr Ross said.

He also had nothing to say about a similar report that Mr Marshall Field, a Chicago publisher and merchant, had been offered the same post.

"There has been a good deal of Cabinet shaking-up outside the White House," Mr Ross remarked, smiling.

Mr Jefferson Caffrey is the United States Ambassador to France. Mr Ross said he does not know whether Mr Caffrey plans to retire.—Associated Press.

SOPHOULIS HOPES TO BE OUT OF BED SOON

Athens, Nov. 30. — Queen Frederika of Greece today visited the 88-year-old Greek Premier, M. Themistocles Sophoulis, who suffered two heart attacks last week. M. Sophoulis told the Queen that he hoped to be able to get up in a few days.—Reuter

Nanking Gets Ready To Shut Up Shop

FEAR APPARENT EVERYWHERE

Evacuation Of Air Force Personnel

(By WILLIAM PARROTT, REUTER-AAP CORRESPONDENT)

Nanking, Dec. 1.—Fear of Mao Tse-tung's Chinese Communists is again gripping the heart of Nanking, the capital of Nationalist China. The relief that followed the repulse of the Communist advances towards Hsuchow has turned to alarm as the enemy has concentrated in force 80 miles closer, near Pengpu. And Penpgu, by a crow's flight, is just over 100 miles from Nanking.

The fear is everywhere apparent. People are incessantly discussing the danger and pondering their fate. The stream of fleeing refugees is again in full flood. Many are going by Yangtse River steamers up to Hankow and some are continuing on by trains to Canton.

Hundreds of men who have already sent their families away are packing their bags for a last-minute flight. More and more houses are becoming vacant, especially the better-class places.

A few shops have closed and their staffs have been discharged. Hoarders are selling stocks of rice and other commodities at less than the purchase prices and black market quotations for the United States dollar and other foreign currencies are beginning to climb.

Several members of the Legislative Yuan, apparently no more optimistic than the average citizen, are reported to have requested salary advances of 10,000 gold yuan.

The principal elements of the Chinese National Government will move to Canton if Nanking becomes untenable, according to an implication contained in instructions which, it is reliably learned, have been drawn up for the evacuation of dependants of civil servants.

The instructions provide that dependants of staffs employed by the President's Office, Legislative and Executive Yuans will go to Canton. Dependants of those employed in the Control Yuan will be sent to Hengyang, in Hunan Province, while families of officials in Judicial and Examination Yuans will go to the wartime capital of Chungking.

It is not disclosed when these plans will be put into effect, but it is believed their operation depends upon the course and outcome of the present important battle near Pengpu, about 120 miles north of Nanking, where the Communists and Nationalists are reported to be locked in grim fighting.

The evacuation would mean huge transport problems as many thousand civil servants are employed in the various branches of the Government.

MOVING TO TAIWAN

The Chinese Air Force late last night issued an urgent order for the evacuation to Taiwan, beginning today (Wednesday) of ground personnel and dependants in Nanking.

According to a reliable source, the order provided for the departure of two groups for Shanghai today on the first stage.

The third group will leave later at an unspecified date.

The source indicated that due to possible lack of accommodation in Taiwan some personnel may temporarily be housed in tents.—Reuter.

PREPARING TO FLEE

Nanking, Dec. 1.—Hsuchow's 250,000-man garrison was reported swinging south on Tuesday for a battle to save Nanking, but signs multiplied in the capital that the Government is prepared to flee.

Well based reports said that Government offices might scatter—to the old wartime capital of Chungking in the west, Canton in the south, and to Formosa.

Usually reliable sources said the Hsuchow garrison—strongest force left in the area—sallied from the fortress in an attempt to save 140,000 Nationalist troops trapped by the Reds 65 miles to the South.

These sources spoke of the movement as abandonment of Hsuchow. They said that all communications—including air transport between Nanking and Hsuchow would be cut off on Wednesday.

This indicated the garrison was told to expect no more air reinforcements and supplies unless it got out and fought, and that air service was cut off to force it to move.

ISOLATED CITY

Hsuchow has stood up to nearly a month of Chinese Communist assault, but it was isolated except by air after the Reds knifed southward. Even so, the garrison was reluctant to leave the fortifications under urgent orders from Nanking issued four days ago.

There was every indication that the Hsuchow forces would have to fight all the way if they expected to reach their comrades, encircled south of Suhsien. Suhsien is 45 miles from Hsuchow.

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They Await Assignment



These national soldiers, surrounded by their baggage and piles of ammunition, wait at the Shanghai-Nanking railway's north station in Shanghai for assignment to various points along the line, where they will protect it against attack by approaching Chinese Communist forces.—AP Picture.

Army Camps Inside Temple



Chinese Nationalist soldiers, set to defend Peiping against advancing Chinese Communists, have pitched their tents on the grounds of the ancient "Temple of Heaven" (background). The ancient place of worship has been one of the main attractions to visitors of Peiping.—AP Picture.

Europe Still In Grip Of Dense Fog

London, Nov. 30.—Thick fog blanketed Western Europe again today, grounding planes, confining ships to port and once more almost halted the Berlin airlift. A slight improvement in some areas this afternoon allowed air traffic to start again at the two Paris airports of Orly and Le Bourget, while officials at The Hague hoped services would be resumed from Schipol Airport.

All European airline services in and out of Brussels were cancelled. The movement of all shipping to and from Antwerp was again halted.

In Britain, the sailing of the world's largest liner—the 83,000-ton Queen Elizabeth—for New York was postponed for the seventh time. The liner has now been delayed 13 days, first by strikes and then by fog.

The 81,000-ton liner, the Queen Mary, and the 40,000-ton liner, Acquitania, were also held up by fog with the Queen Elizabeth at Southampton.

The British European Airways cancelled or indefinitely delayed for the fourth day all continental services. Three airliners of the British Overseas Airways Corporation, due to leave London Airport, were grounded.

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MADAME CHIANG ARRIVES

Refuses To Talk To The Press

San Francisco, Nov. 30.—Madame Chiang Kai-shek arrived in the United States today to plead for help for distressed China.

China's first lady stepped down from a Navy plane after an 8,000-mile flight from Nanking and was tightlipped toward reporters, refusing to discuss her pending appeal for all-out American aid to the Nationalist Government. Chinese sources said she believed it best to carry her message direct to Washington.

After a brief stop in San Francisco, during which she will visit her brother, Dr T. V. Soong, Madame Chiang will board the "Sacred Cow," private plane of the Secretary of State (Mr George Marshall) for the flight to Washington tonight. The take-off is scheduled for 8 p.m. and her arrival in the capital for 10 a.m. EST Wednesday.

Madame Chiang was smiling and vivacious when she arrived and was greeted by a delegation of military and State Department officials, the latter headed by Mr R.D. Muir, assistant chief of protocol.

WHISKED AWAY

The special Navy plane landed at 11.56 a.m. at Moffett Field, the Navy air base about 30 miles south of San Francisco. On hand to greet her were Mr T. K. Chang, Chinese Consul General in San Francisco, Admiral C. M. Cooke (retired), former American Navy Commander in the Western Pacific, and Rear-Admiral John Redman, deputy Commander of the Western Sea Frontier.

After a luncheon reception at the senior officers' quarters at the field, Madame Chiang was whisked away in Mr Soong's limousine toward San Francisco. She wore a beaver coat over a dark, ankle-length Chinese dress.

Authoritative sources in China reported that the major conditions on which the United States would grant aid to China had been laid before Generalissimo Chiang in unofficial diplomatic manoeuvring in Nanking and Shanghai.—United Press.

450 TRICYCLES ROUNDED UP

Traffic Department officers made a swoop after midnight last night on tricycles still plying their trade in the Colony's streets.

Four hundred and fifty (300 in Hongkong and 150 in Kowloon) were seized and taken off the roads in conformity with the new regulations which makes their appearance in public illegal.

However, a few tricycles still remain on the roads: these are the ones which have been converted into trade vehicles and have been given a special dispensation.

EDITORIAL

Why The Secrecy?

THE decision to execute Tojo and his fellow war criminals in secret has incensed newspapers everywhere and even the general public have experienced a feeling of surprise. The necessary precedent surely is Nuremberg where the principal Nazi war criminals went to the gallows in the full blare of publicity. Exclusion of newspaper correspondents from the Japanese executions has been ordered by General MacArthur, whose relations with the Press have never been particularly happy. Correspondents in Tokyo, often under a tacit threat of expulsion, have frequently found it necessary to criticise the Supreme Commander for his aloofness, his slavish reliance on the advice of staff officers, and his refusal to take the Press into his confidence. MacArthur, in turn, has indicated that he regards the Press as an unnecessary nuisance. The result has been the imposition of secrecy on occasions least justifying it. Correspondents, arguing their right to attend the executions, point out the possible effect of secrecy on the Japanese. Side by side with mass credulity, the Japanese have displayed a tremendous conceit which enables them to believe they were not beaten in the war, but have merely changed sides. With that mentality, and in the face of an apparent American policy of outright conciliation, they may easily be persuaded that the conquerors were reluctant to carry out the sentences, and that the long trial was nothing more than a farce. The opinion has more than once been expressed by competent observers that the Tokyo trials, dragged out as they were, served only to enhance the prestige of Tojo, who tried very hard in his speeches from the dock to justify himself in the eyes of his countrymen. One effective way to remove any glory he may thus have earned himself would be eyewitness descriptions of his ignominious end. Moreover, accounts by independent newspaper correspondents must carry more weight and influence than a bare official announcement that justice had been carried out, and would also help to kill at birth inspired rumours that the long legal arguments leading to a new concept of international law in modern warfare had been in vain. In a search to find a reason for the secrecy which is to attend the Japanese executions the suggestion prompts itself that if Tojo, like Goering, managed to take his own life, the fact could be kept from the Japanese public. There is no doubt that if he did cheat the gallows Tojo's martyrdom would be complete; among a nation of suicide-worshippers he would stand out as a hero. But his stock has already risen so much because of his defence from the dock that it can be offset only by the fullest publicity attending his execution. SCAP has refused to explain why the executions should be carried out in secret, and because the world is entitled to know how the Japanese criminals met their ends, the decision is unwise. The prestige that any one of the condemned men may have gained during the trials would be cancelled out by complete newspaper coverage of their executions.

Britain Agrees To Give Negev To The Jews

Paris, Nov. 30.—Britain today backed down on her Palestine stand and agreed to give Negev to the Jews.

At the same time, the Security Council called a meeting for Thursday to consider the Jewish request for United Nations membership.

Yielding finally to the strong United States arguments, the British announced that they were withdrawing their endorsement of the late Count Folke Bernadotte's Palestine plan. The British delegate, Mr Harold Beeley, declared that Britain now favoured the American proposals for direct Arab-Jewish negotiations.

The remarkable British about-face brought American and British views on Palestine into harmony for the first time in two years of heated United Nations debate. A UN solution for the Holy Land trouble now seemed possible.

JOINT PROPOSALS

Simultaneously, the Security Council headed the Jewish plea for speed and set Thursday as the date to decide on the Jewish bid for a seat in the UN General Assembly. Israel's formal application was made yesterday.

In substance, the United States and Britain now want the General Assembly to:

1. Create a United Nations conciliation commission of three or five members.

2. Instruct the commission to promote Arab-Jewish peace negotiations but refrain from laying down the terms on which final settlement must be reached.

3. Urge a settlement under which King Abdullah will take over Arab Palestine as part of the Transjordan.

4. Try to establish international control for the city of Jerusalem.

5. Try to make Haifa a free port and Lydda a free airport.

6. Urge compensation to the thousands of Arab refugees who fled Jewish-held territory and do not want to return.—United Press.

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The Kitchen Front

STEW IS GOOD WINTER FARE

By ALICE DENHOFF

A STEW is not only a real meat-extender, but it is a fine dish for cold weather, that is, if it is a well-made stew. Stews need not be monotonous, once they are varied as to meat, vegetables, and, above all, seasonings, and served with a flourish.

Here are some good stew recipes, calculated to bring the tardy home on time, if they know what's cooking.

To make a good meat stew with vegetables, allow one pound clear meat or 1½ lb. meat and bones for six servings. What meat dish can do better than that!

Uniform Pieces

Cut meat in uniform pieces (about 1½ inches) dredge well with seasoned flour, brown in fat in kettle, turning to brown on all sides. Add water to cover the meat, cover kettle tightly and let simmer until meat is soft. Do not boil. Veal, pork and lamb take 1½ to 2 hours; beef takes 2½ to 3 hours.

Cut vegetables in slices, cubes or strips and add to stew to cook with meat during last 30 to 45 min. Add seasoning to taste. Cooked vegetables may be used, but should be added only during last 5 min. of cooking.

For a light stew, meat such as lamb, is not floured or browned. But stew must be thickened before serving, either with instant tapioca sprinkled into the stew, or a flour and water paste. Stir tapioca (one tbsp. to one quart stew) well into the hot stew and bring the mixture to a full boil.

For Two Meals

Vary the way you serve your stews. Make enough for two meals but skip a day in serving. Serve it first time with vegetables not in the stew but on the side. Then heat it up with vegetables added. Or serve with potatoes one time, and with noodles, spaghetti or macaroni the next. Or top with a meat pie crust and bake in a hot oven until crust is browned, or serve with dumplings.

With Potato Dumplings

To make 2 dozen delicious potato dumplings wash 5 medium potatoes and cook in boiling, salted water until tender. Remove skins, and put potatoes through a ricer. Add ½ tsp. salt, 2 well-beaten eggs, ½ c. sifted flour, ¾ c. grapenuts and ¼ tsp. nutmeg. Shape into 1½ inch balls. (If mixture is too moist add more cereal.) Drop dumplings into boiled, salted water or into stew. When they rise to the surface continue cooking 3 min., or until done. To test doneness, cut a dumpling open. If centre is dry dumpling is done.

Cereal dumplings go well with a tasty kidney stew. To make 15 dumplings scald ½ c. milk and add tbsp. fat. Remove from fire. Add ½ tsp. salt, dash pepper, one well-beaten egg. Mix well. Crush and add 2½ c. grapenuts and tbsp. minced onion mixing thoroughly Shape into one-inch balls. Drop into simmering stew, cover and let simmer for 15 min.

For a stew that is different, use 2 or 3 carrots, 2 onions, and 2 medium-sized potatoes, all of which should be finely chopped. Wash thoroughly one c. of rice and combine it with the chopped carrots and onions, salt and pepper, a small garlic one lb. ground beef, ½ tsp. chopped parsley and 1½ c. water. Cook slowly for 20 min., then add the chopped potatoes, and continue cooking slowly for about an hour. Makes 6 servings.

For another stew for 6 that is different, soak one c. kidney beans overnight in cold water. Drain and cook until tender in boiling, salted water. Cut 1 lb. beef in small pieces and brown in 2 tbsp. hot fat. Add one can pimientos and ¼ c. minced onion; fry until light brown. Add one c. tomato pulp, tsp. paprika, one c. water, salt to taste; simmer until meat is tender. Add chili powder to taste. Drain beans and add to meat.

A Chicken Stew

Even people who think stew is plebeian eating won't look askance at a good chicken stew. Cut chicken in pieces for serving. Add boiling water to partially cover. Cook slowly, in covered kettle, 2½ hours. Season to taste. Add 8 small onions and 6 medium carrots; continue cooking until meat and vegetables are tender. Serve with Veloute sauce made from stock.

To prepare sauce, melt 2 tbsp. table fat in saucepan. Add 2 tbsp. flour; stir to a smooth paste. Add one c. chicken stock gradually, stirring constantly; continue cooking and stirring until thickened. Add ¼ tsp. salt and a dash of pepper. Makes one c. sauce.

Veal Roast

If you had a veal roast for Sunday dinner, and enough meat survived the attack by your hungry family, then here's an excellent dish: Veal Wrap-Arounds for 4, starts off with 2 lb. cooked veal combined with ½ tsp. salt, ⅛ tsp. pepper and a dash of tobasco sauce; mix well, shape into 8 rolls. Wrap a strip of bacon around each frankfurter-like roll; fasten with toothpick.

Preheat broiler until at highest heat for about 10 min. Arrange veal wrap-arounds around edge of broiling pan. Slice thin 4 large potatoes and place slices in centre of pan; dot with table fat. Place in broiling unit 8 to 10 inches from flame and broil for 10 min., turning once halfway through broiling period.

Back to pot roast, and a toothsome left-over, Beef Pilau.

Drop ½ c. raw rice into at least a quart of rapidly boiling salted water; cook briskly until tender about 20 min. Drain; combine with 3 c. ground cooked beef pot roast, fresh or canned tomatoes, ½ tsp. Worcestershire sauce, tbsp. chopped onion and, ½ tsp. salt. Turn into greased baking dish, dot with tbsp. table fat, sprinkle 3 tbsp. bread crumbs over all. Bake at 375 F. 25 min. or until nicely browned. Serves 5.

One moment please . . . No. 6



☆ PAGE TWO'S photographer halts a passer-by in the Embankment Gardens — "One moment, please. . . ." Eye-catcher this time is a felt dairy-maid bonnet trimly tailored to suit a short hair-do. For windy days the flaps (upturned in top picture) can be tied snugly over the ears and fastened by an under-chin bow.



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Proper Hanging Of Pictures

By ELEANOR ROSS

PICTURES bring colour, warmth and artistic beauty into the home, but their mission is not a successful one, unless they are properly placed and hung. If properly distributed and placed, a room can live happily with several pictures. But a bad job will make the room take on the appearance of an untidy art dealer's shop.

Pictures should always be hung flat against a wall. Tilting is taboo. Hanging should always be concealed. There are hooks and other devices to support any weight adequately.

Hang the pictures low enough to seem part of the furniture grouping to which it belongs but don't place it so that it is obscured by a lamp or a vase of flowers. Keep the picture low enough to place the centre of interest at approximately eye level of a person standing.

Have a definite plan for pictures. Don't just spot them around the room. Place them to follow furniture lines. A long buffet or a unit made by placing two or more chests together is made even more interesting when its lines are followed by a row of small pictures placed a couple of feet above it. A series of bird or flower pictures is beautiful for such an arrangement, as is a contrast in the colour of the wood used for framing. Dark wood frames above a medium or light piece of furniture is attractive.

Such an arrangement is much better than the sort of postage stamp effect created by spotting little pictures willy nilly. For a group of small pictures there must be a concrete plan, yet the effect musn't look set. Try grouping odd pictures. Your eye will tell you when harmony is achieved. Isolate pictures for importance. Don't place the lower edge of the large picture in a grouping below that of a smaller one, for the effect will be inharmonious. If you can, gear a picture to an important piece of furniture. For instance, a fine Chinese lacquer piece will look even more handsome if one wall is dominated by a handsome Chinese print or an artistically worked out grouping of small Chinese prints or paintings.

Arrange and rearrange pictures until you get what your eye and artistic sense tell you is right. It will be worth the effort, for pictures, well chosen and well arranged, bring enduring beauty to even the simplest of rooms.

When You Shop for Clothes



A basic dress, set off by pretty jewellery and a becoming hat, is always in good taste says Movie Star Martha Hyer.

By HELEN FOLLET

BY now, you have selected your winter wardrobe. But, if you are like most of us, and still have a few more purchases to make, you may be about to fare forth, take a peek at new offerings, wondering just what's the best buy for you during this year when fashion offers many pitfalls.

You have to know what you can and what you cannot wear. You must check your figure type; there are more different kinds of feminine shapes than one can believe possible. That does not mean that only the slender figure of perfect measurements is attractive to the eye. There are bound to be faults. Most of them can be corrected by means of exercise. But exercise does not appeal to the majority, alas. Hence the need of finding clothes that soft-pedal the poor points and play up the good ones.

Corsetieres say that a general division can be made; the short waisted and the long waisted. The long waisted girl can make her legs look longer by wearing straight, long skirts, having the belt slightly lifted. If one is short waisted, one must be careful not to have much fullness at the back of the bodice; a style that prevails at the present moment.

The short waisted, full busted type makes a grave mistake when she wears a dirndl, for instance, because it adds to the general appearance of bulk.

The well-dressed woman isn't always the one who has wads of money to fling for expensive dry goods. Rather she is the smartie who, during all the years, has learned something about the art of dress, who has studied lines, knows precisely what is most becoming to the face as well as the figure.

BOYS' AND GIRLS' MAGAZINE

Mr. Punch Tells a Story

—And the Shadows Learn How Trees Got Leaves—

By MAX TRELL

KNARF and Hanid, the shadow-children with the turned-about names, were standing by the window, looking out across the garden and across the fields and meadows. The autumn wind was blowing. From the oak trees and from the maples, and birches, and elms, and buttonballs, the leaves were leaving the twigs and branches where they had hung since early in the spring, and were dancing away with the wind.

But along the road, at the bottom of the hill, the row of pine trees were as green as ever. "None of their leaves are falling off!" Knarf said to his sister.

"I wonder why?" Hanid said.



"Only the trees are bare," said the little man.

In Rocking Chair

At this, Mr Punch, who was sitting in his rocking chair on the other side of the room, chuckled and said: "Didn't I ever tell you the story of why the pine trees stay green through the winter, even though all the other trees lose their leaves?"

Knarf and Hanid answered that they had never heard this story and begged Mr Punch to tell it to them.

"Well," he said, "I don't know whether this story is true or not, but I'll tell it to you as it was told to me and you can decide for yourselves whether you want to believe it. Long, long ago, all the trees in the fields and meadows and woods stood without any leaves at all, both summer and winter. Then, one day, a little old man came along with a big sack over his back. He said to all the trees: 'All the creatures in the world have fur or feathers on their backs. Only the trees are bare.'

Sharp and Pointed

"Then he opened his bag and took out a great many green things. Some were sharp and pointed. Some were long and round. Some were large. Some were tiny. 'These are leaves,' he said, 'There are some for each tree. You may wear them all through the spring and summer and autumn. But then they will leave you (for that is why I call them leaves)—and they will spring back in the spring (which is why I call it spring).'

"So," continued Mr Punch, "all the trees in the fields, and meadows, and forests, chose their leaves, each leaf—a different size and shape. Suddenly, when the bag was empty, the little old man saw that there were no more leaves left for a small clump of trees, that stood somewhat apart from the others. The old man knew that they would have to have leaves too even though there were no more left."

"What did he do?" Knarf and Hanid asked.

"He did the only thing he could," said Mr Punch. "He bent down, picked some blades of grass and threw them on the clump of trees and the blades of grass became pine needles. Then the old man said: 'Because these are not real leaves but only blades of grass, they will never leave you, neither in winter nor in summer. Like grass, they will always stay green.'

"And so," said Mr Punch, "the pine trees are evergreen, and that's the end of my story."

Rupert and Margot—5



Rupert shows Margot's handkerchief to the Rabbit twins and tells them why he is searching for her. "I can hardly remember Margot," says Rex. "It's such a long time since she was here." "You'll know her when you see her," says Rupert. "She's a shy, old-fashioned little girl." "And I can tell you where she is," pipes a small voice as Horace the hedgehog peeps out of a bush. "She's in a very dangerous part of the wood. You'll be doing her a good turn if you bring her away from it."

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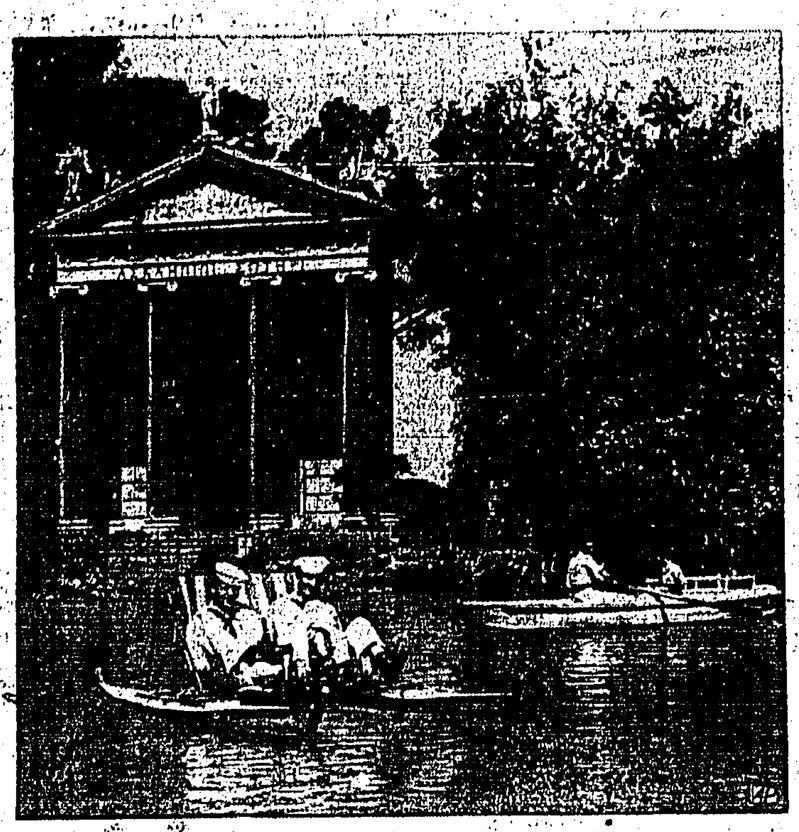
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A Miracle Cure

By Fred Harman



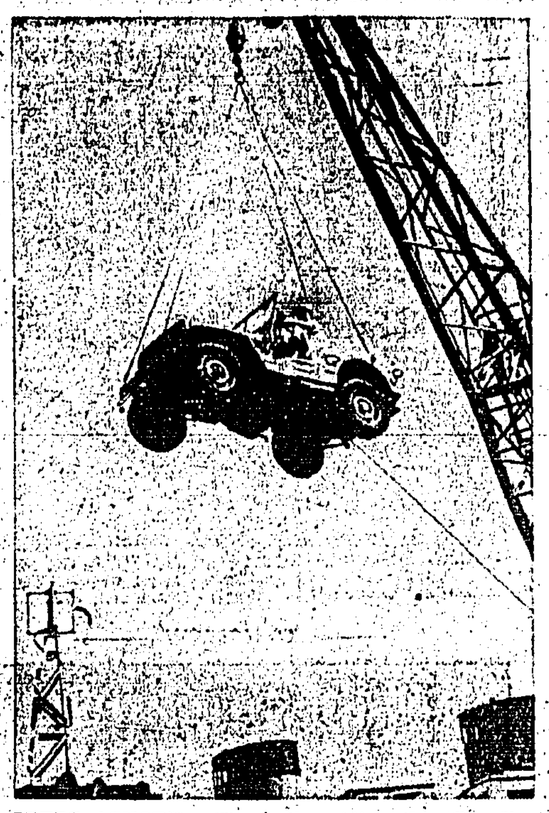
WORLD NEWS IN PICTURES



This is a corner of the beautiful Borghese Park in Rome. Boating on the lake is a popular pastime, and these two American sailors on shore leave enjoy themselves in a paddle boat.



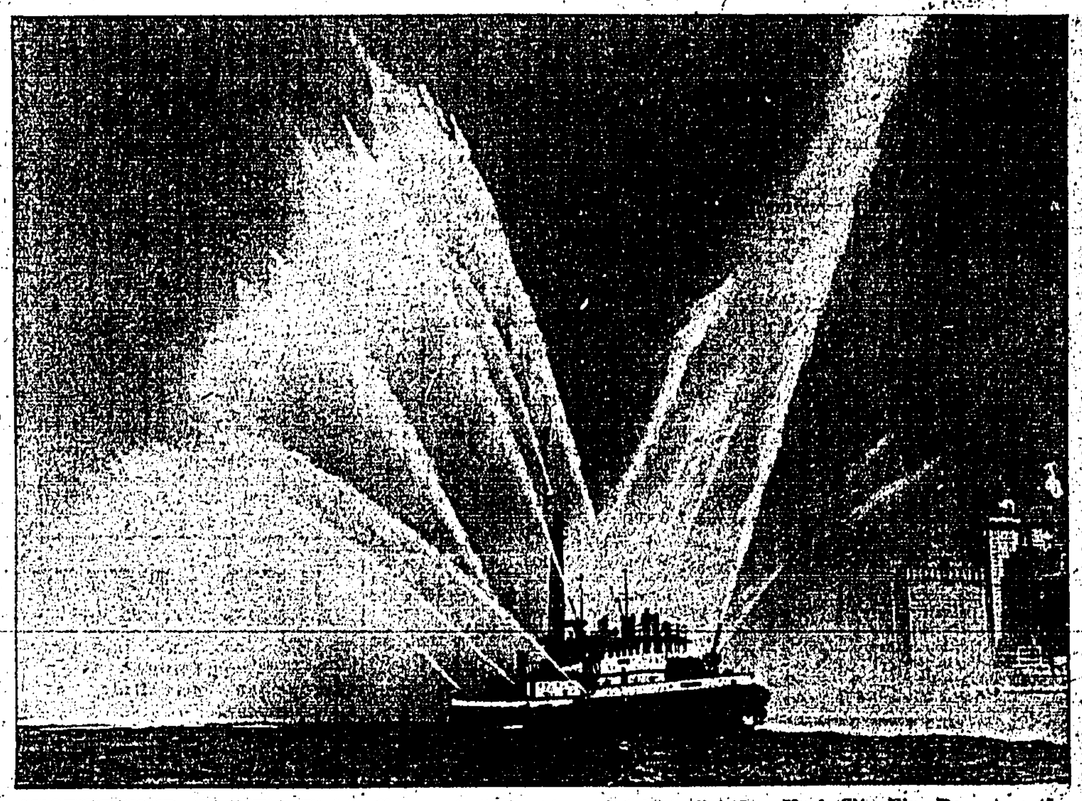
TALE OF TWO CITIES—Mme. Rachel Dorange leads her horse, Coco, along the road to London at Maidstone, as she nears the end of a drive from Paris. A familiar sight to Parisians, she drove her fiacre to London to visit friends.



JEEPS ASHORE—The sailor riding this Canadian jeep was the first to land in Pearl Harbour from a Canadian naval squadron of five ships. Led by the 9,000-ton cruiser Ontario, second largest in the fleet, they were the first to visit Hawaii since the war.



FOR OUTSTANDING WORK—U. S. industrial leader Charles Luckman (right) receives the Italian "Star of Solidarity" from Italian Foreign Minister Count Carlo Sforza in Rome. The award was given to Luckman for his work as chief of President Truman's "Food for Europe" committee.



SHOWER SHIP—The "Fire Fighter," newest and most powerful of the New York City Fire Department's fleet of fire-fighting boats, sends jets of water into the Manhattan sky. The shadowy "rainbow" effect of the spray was seen as the boat tested its pumps just off the Battery. The New York City skyline is glimpsed in right background.



ILLEGAL ENTRY—These Mexican farm labourers are wading across the Rio Grande River at Juarez, Texas, after entering the U. S. in search of farm jobs. American authorities have abandoned efforts to halt illegal entry because of the scarcity of American labour in this section. After entry, the workers are turned over to American farm employers.

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ROYALTY IN A JEEP—King Paul of Greece takes his family for a ride in their jeep at their country home at Tatoi, near Athens. In the front seat with him is Queen Frederika. In the back are their children, Irene, Constantine and Sophie.

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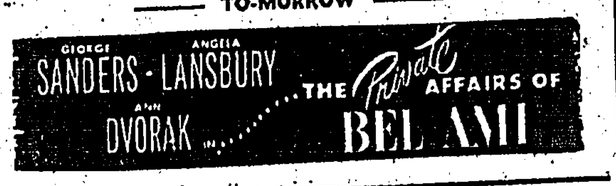
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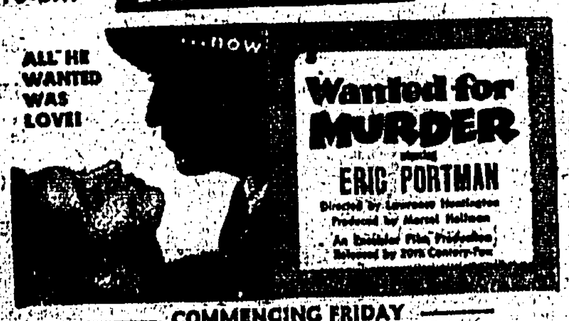
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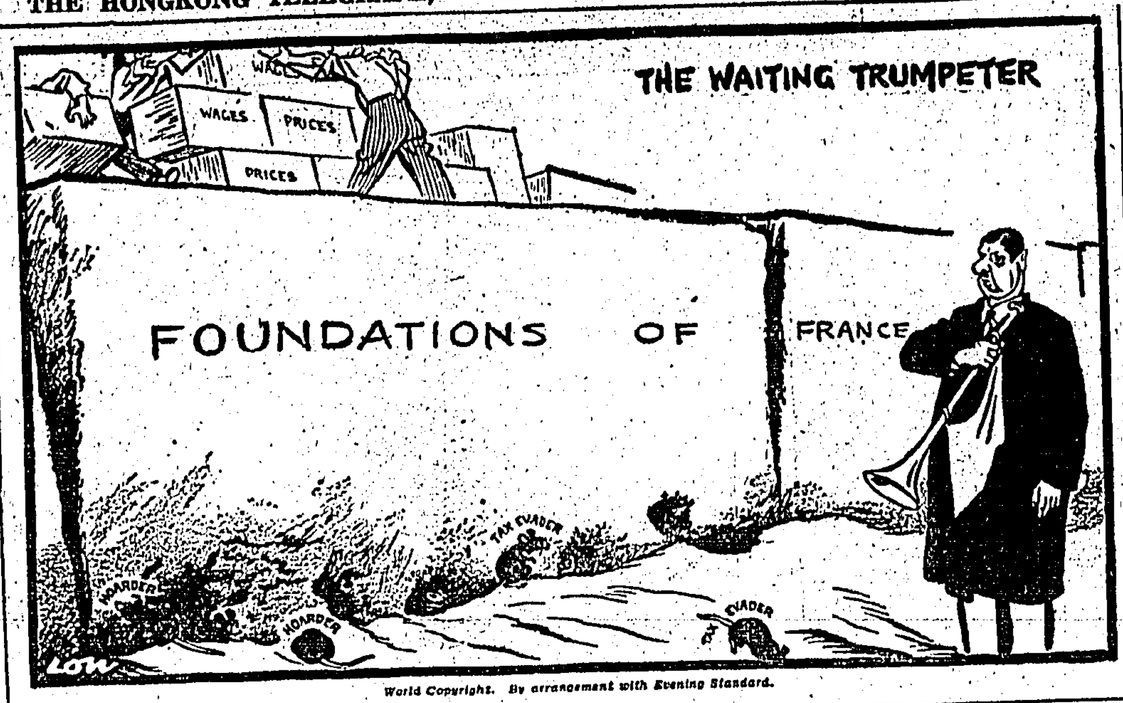


COMMENCING TO-MORROW: "IT HAD TO BE YOU"

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IN AND OUT OF PARLIAMENT

By Ernest Thurtle, M.P.

LABOUR notes as significant the decision of the Liberals not to support the Conservative condemnation of nationalisation.

This decision, it is felt, indicates that the Liberals have their ears closer to the ground than the Conservatives, and have discovered that among the mass of electors there is no strong feeling one way or the other about national ownership.

Of more immediate concern to the people as a whole, and likely to remain so until after the next General Election, are questions of supplies, housing, prices, and social security generally.

On these issues Labour feels, rightly or wrongly, that it has a good case, and consequently in its ranks today there is considerable confidence.

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COMMANDER HARRY PURSEY, Labour MP, is a bluff, breezy, and outspoken, as befits an old salt who served ten years on the lower deck and 20 as a naval officer.

He has angered the British Legion by launching a vigorous attack on that ex-Service body.

His view is that the Government's social legislation has rendered the organisation unnecessary.

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I AM sure Harry means well, but his all-out attack is misconceived.

The Legion, fostering a vague but nevertheless real sense of comradeship among ex-Service people, is much more than a mere benevolent body; though in that capacity it has a considerable field of activity outside existing social legislation.

As one ex-Serviceman to another, I urge the commander (whose grandfather fought in the Crimea) to drop his naval musket.

But the Legion, on its part, must keep clear of politics.

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PARLIAMENTARY Labour needs a vice-chairman to take the place of Mr Frank Bowles, now Deputy-Chairman of Ways and Means.

One likely candidate for this post is Mr George Daggar, who sits for Abertillery.

He has been in the House since 1929, and as he is now 69 he may be classified as an old-timer, but an alert and vigorous one at that.

There is a certain caustic quality about his tongue, and he does not suffer fools gladly.

In an intransigent mood George would, I think, as soon pour oil on the flames as on the troubled waters.

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HOWEVER, his friends of the Welsh Parliamentary Party, of which body he will shortly become chairman, declare that he makes an admirable chairman.

An ex-miner, he spent three years at a Labour college before he came to Westminster, where he has specialised on industrial questions.

I would not say that he has any deep affection for the intellectuals of the party, but he stands in well with the trade unionists thereof.

Sitting on the Fence

by NATHANIEL GUBBINS

A TINY telephone rang in the Sparrow's Nest. The Sparrow's wife answered it.

"Hullo," she called.

"Hullo," called back the Sparrow. "Is that you?"

"Yes, it's me. Who's that?"

"Me," said the Sparrow.
"Oh, it's you," said his wife.
"Right first time," said the Sparrow.

"I thought it was your voice."

"And I thought yours was yours."
"You thought what was what?"
"I thought your voice was your voice. That's all," said the Sparrow.

"I see," said his wife.

"Good," said the Sparrow. I shan't be home tonight."
"Why, what's the matter?"
"Nothing," said the Sparrow.

"Well, why can't you come home?"

"Business," said the Sparrow.
"What business?"
"Secret," said the Sparrow.
"Where are you?" asked his wife.
"In Fairyland," said the Sparrow.

"Have you been drinking?" asked his wife

"I'll say I have," said the Sparrow.

"Oh dear, oh dear," said his wife, a tear starting in her eye. "Can't somebody bring you home or something?"

"Not till I've seen the Prime Minister."
"Whatever for?"
"Shussh," said the Sparrow.
"What's that?"
"Soda water."
"Soda water?"
"Splashing into a glass. What are you doing, as if I care?"

"I was knitting."

"Knitting what?" asked the Sparrow.

"Oh, I don't know. Just anything."

"Well, keep it up," said the Sparrow. "You never know when we shall want it."

"Want what?" asked his wife.
"Whatever it is," said the Sparrow. "Steady with the Scotch. Gorgeous."

"Who are you talking to?" asked his wife.
"The Foreign Secretary."
"Calling him Gorgeous?"
"He calls me Sweetie Pie," said the Sparrow. "We're waiting for Clem."

"Who's Clem?"
"The Prime Minister, of course," said the Sparrow. "Well, goodbye, Brainstorm. Don't worry."
"I shan't sleep a wink," said his wife, her tears splashing into the little telephone.
"That's the worst of you intellectuals," said the Sparrow. "You think too much."

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The Sparrow put down the receiver in the Other Sparrow's nest.

"Well," he said, flopping down beside her on the little settee, "there's a lesson in how to keep your wife happy."

"They say that only saints and idiots are happy," said the Other Sparrow.

"Then call me an idiot," said the Sparrow, taking her manicured claw in his.

Cats' Olympics

IN the cats' modern international Pentathlon results in the following events were observed:—

TILES ENDURANCE TEST

The British Ginger Cat is leading in this event with four days and nights on the tiles without food or water waiting for a chance to say hello to Lottie, lively, attractive seaside blondo and cat intellectual.

The unco-operative Russian cat, Peter Pusskin, has refused to enter this event because Lottie has not only been observed by Communist spy cats to have fraternised with the bourgeoisie, but is also keeping the secret of her atomic energy to herself.

During the long vigil Signor Moggolini, Italian cat, fell for an ice-cream and was disqualified. The German cat, Herr von Pest, was too hungry to compete.

The gallant French cat, Monsieur O'Lala, made an impression on Lottie by bringing her food from the fried fish shop while abstaining himself.

But Manhattan Mouser, American tough cat, made the biggest impression of all.

Saying he would rather win the dame than the competition, he filled himself with stolen steak, climbed through the kitchen window, and has been saying hello to Lottie ever since!

MOUSE CATCHING

(Each competitor was allotted 20 mice.)

PETER PUSSKIN tried to win this competition by organising the mice and promising them freedom from feline tyranny. Hypnotised by his oratory, they left the safety of their mouse holes, and were eaten one by one.

THE BRITISH GINGER CAT, trying to be fair to mice, gave them a long start and didn't catch any.

MONSIEUR O'LALA was so busy preparing the right sauce that all his mice escaped.

HERR VON PEST put down poisoned cheese, and was disqualified for cheating.

SIGNOR MOGGOLINI, panic-stricken by the odds of 20 to one, was chased by the mice.

MANHATTAN MOUSER, using a superhet, 24-valve, chromium-plated, mass-produced mouse-trap which catches, kills, cooks, and cans 100 mice before you can say "un-American activities," not only caught and canned all his own mice, but the British Ginger Cat's allocation as well.

RESULT

Manhattan Mouser 1
Peter Pusskin 2
Others also ran

CHAIR SCRATCHING CONTEST

This was also won by Manhattan Mouser, who, by wiring himself to a power point, was able to scratch ten times faster than his nearest competitor.

Time for ruining one armchair: 2mins. 2 3/5 secs., a world and Olympic record.

Results of two other events in the Cats' Pentathlon—obstacle (ornaments) race and all-in wrestling (catch-as-cats-can style)—may be announced later.

Letter to a stomach

MY dear Stomach,

I am thinking of sending down the new food tablets, recently tested by medical students, instead of ordinary meals and would like to know your reactions to the proposal at your earliest convenience.

Yours faithfully
N. Gubbins.

DEAR Sir,

In reply to your undated letter, I have to inform you that I do not approve of your proposal.

It is believed, in some scientific circles, that the appendix, which does not now perform any useful function, was once a second or reserve stomach necessary to man in his wild state when supplies of food were irregular and uncertain.

As man became civilised and regular food supplies were arranged, this second stomach became redundant and, like most useless things, shrivelled to its present ridiculous size.

Therefore, as the replacement of ordinary meals by food tablets might eventually reduce me to the size of your appendix, incapable of accommodating a full meal, even if offered, I can only look upon your proposal with dismay.

I also think that vest pocket meals might afford you greater opportunities of sending down more doubles, which would not be good for our health.

I remain,
faithfully,
Your Stomach.

MR MULLINS CONFESSES

London's former magistrate hits out at his critics

BY

MAURICE WIGGIN

WHY does any barrister seek appointment as a Metropolitan magistrate, at £2,000 a year?

No doubt motives are as varied as men. Mr Claud Mullins, who was a London magistrate from 1931 to 1947, explains his motives in his autobiography, "Fifteen Years' Hard Labour."

"I was not a successful junior barrister....I had unwittingly earned a reputation as a specialist in Anglo-German work. So when this work ceased (the Anglo-German Mixed Arbitral Tribunal) the prospect before me was to plod round criminal and county courts with small briefs—if I could get them. This prospect did not please, seeing that I had earned high fees in Tribunal work.

"Even if I did receive enough briefs....I doubt if I should ever have become both successful and happy.... My thoughts were sometimes too much on the pockets of my lay clients, the men and women who were ultimately going to pay the bills. In consequence, I wanted to settle cases, to prevent them spending sums they could ill afford. This....did not make me popular with those solicitors, and their clerks, who liked to fight out their cases. These tendencies made me long for a minor judicial appointment, and I gradually felt that whatever abilities I had were for judicial work rather than advocacy. Sour grapes? Maybe, but I doubt it."

So Mr Mullins (though "my ambition became an appointment as a County Court judge") accepted an appointment to the London Bench.

His contentment did not last long: "Among my colleagues my reforming activities in my free time roused criticism."

In this long essay in self-justification, which cannot be read without embarrassment, Mr Mullins is not content to describe in detail his own admirable reforming work. Surely no one begrudges him credit for his work in connection with imprisonment for debt, special matrimonial courts, and the use of the services of psychiatrists? But Mr Mullins harps painfully on the theme that all who were not with him were against him. Of the four chief magistrates under whom he served he has these things to say:

(1) Sir Chartres Biron....I did not like him, despite his initial kindness to me....Never was a man so conservative in all that related to the law....His slackness in the important office of Chief Magistrate was unpardonable. Our quarterly meetings were a waste of time.

(2) Sir Rollo Graham Campbell....was Eton all through....his somewhat narrow form of religion seemed to restrict his social outlook....really belonged to the world of aspidistras....completely out of touch with modern movements.

(3) Sir Robert Dummett....one of the most untidy-minded men I have ever met.

(4) Sir Bertrand Watson....was caution personified and thus beloved of the Home Office.

All four men are dead.

I never saw Mr Mullins at work. He retired just about the time my Editor set me going on my court casebook. But I instantly encountered his powerful legend. To this day he is vividly remembered by court officials, reporters and police officers. Scores of stories cling to his name. To put it mildly, the impression that survives is of a somewhat intemperate authoritarianism.

Mr Mullins is aware of this. Disarmingly he writes:

"I hope that this book has not given the impression that in my own opinion I was a model magistrate. I certainly was not that. I must have given countless bad and harmful sentences—like everyone else on the criminal Bench. At times I was definitely a bad magistrate in that I was impatient and occasionally bad-tempered—unpardonable qualities in a magistrate."

It is bad-tempered nonsense to suggest that "everyone on the Bench" gives "countless bad sentences"; but all who worked with Mr Mullins will agree with the rest of the paragraph.

Mr Mullins is a "character." The texture of English life is richer for its impetuous "characters." But whether they should be given judicial appointments is debatable.

By Ernie Bushmiller

NANCY Breezy Idea





HOFFMAN TO VISIT CHINA

On-Spot Study Of Her Needs

Washington, Nov. 30.—The foreign recovery Administrator, Mr Paul G. Hoffman, announced today that he would leave for the Far East on Saturday for an on-the-spot look at China's needs.

His announcement came on the eve of Madame Chiang Kai-shek's arrival to plead for more help for the Chinese Nationalist Government, which her husband is struggling to hold up under increasingly heavy Communist blows.

Mr Hoffman will return to Washington on December 20. His report presumably will help to guide the administration in its answer to Madame Chiang.

A warm official welcome has been prepared here for China's first lady, but there was no sign that the Administration was any less reluctant to promise more immediate help to Chiang or any more optimistic about his chances of weathering the Communist storm.

KUNG SEES TRUMAN

Suggestions that Madame Chiang be invited to plead her cause before Congress were rejected by foreign policy leaders, although they agreed that she should be given a Congressional hearing if she asked for one.

Dr H. H. Kung, brother-in-law of Generalissimo Chiang and former Prime Minister of China, called on President Truman this afternoon for a talk on the "whole world situation."

Dr Kung, who lives in New York, told reporters he was a special representative "in a way" of the Generalissimo; but he would not say whether he had called at the White House to discuss Madame Chiang's visit.

Observers pointed out that China's economic plight was inextricably linked with her military struggle, which has now reached the crisis stage in North China.

GOING VIA ENGLAND

Mr Hoffman's headquarters said he would travel to the Far East by way of Great Britain, where he plans to confer briefly with European recovery officials. He will leave New York on December 4 aboard a Pan American Airways plane and will remain in London until December 8. From London he will fly to Shanghai, arriving there on December 11, for a series of conferences with Mr Roger Lapham, chief of the special American aid mission in China.

Mr Hoffman, who will be accompanied by his special assistant, Mr Samuel Richards, will fly later to Seoul, then to Tokyo and finally to San Francisco on December 18.

In Seoul he is expected to review the progress of American recovery efforts which are now being handled by the United States Army.

His foreign aid administration is slated to take over the Korean recovery job. Mr Hoffman will then go to Japan to make a similar review, to find out how effectively General MacArthur's occupation forces are carrying out recovery measures there.

Meanwhile, the State Department said that China had spent all but US$11,201,674 of the US$125,000,000 in American military aid granted by Congress last spring. The Department said that by last Friday the Treasury had paid out US$113,798,326 to the Chinese Government or to American procurement agencies acting on its behalf.—United Press.

Berlin Is Now Two Cities

Rump Administration Established

Berlin, Nov. 30. — The Russians and their German Communist henchmen split Berlin into two separate cities today by setting up a municipal regime of their own in the Soviet sector.

The Communists announced that their rump administration was the legal government for all Berlin and said they intended to nationalise the city's big industries.

The United States, British and French commanders-in-chief accused Russia of responsibility for the situation and demanded to know whether the Communist action had been taken with the Russian commander's approval. They said Russia's illegal actions "have demonstrated the intention of the Soviet authorities to divide the city and to prevent the exercise of democratic rights and liberties in their own sectors."

Troop commandants of the Western Allies in Berlin assured Germans in the West sector that they would be protected from Communist domination.

REDS MOVE IN

The Communists started this evening to move into the City Hall, which is in the Russian sector. Ferdinand Friedensburg, legal Mayor, and other non-Communist officials moved to the safety of the United States sector. They set up a temporary city hall in the Berlin Economics Institute.

The German police in the Western sectors were put on the alert and Allied troops stood ready to support them in case of a Communist-inspired invasion of demonstrators from the Soviet sector.

The new crisis started from the city elections, called months ago by the Germans for next Sunday under authority previously given them by all four occupying powers. The Russians, knowing the Communists would be hopelessly defeated, forbade elections in their sector. They tried to stop elections in the Western sector and were enraged when the Western Allies insisted on holding them.—United Press.

Cease Fire In Jerusalem Agreement

Haifa, Nov. 30.—Arab and Jewish commanders in Jerusalem signed today an agreement providing for a cease fire at 6 a.m. on December 1. The agreement, which represents the first success of direct negotiations between Jews and Arabs, was also announced in Tel-Aviv.

The Israeli military spokesman in Tel-Aviv said the agreement binds Israeli and the Arab Legion troops to ensure a "complete and sincere" cease fire on the Jerusalem sector and freedom of movement behind the lines.

He said the agreement was signed at Government House in Jerusalem by the Jewish commander, Colonel Moshe Dayan, and the Arab Legion commander, Lieutenant Colonel Abdullah Tel, after a four-hour meeting.

The negotiations were arranged by the United Nations. At the United Nations headquarters in Haifa, it is thought the new truce will work more effectively than the previous cease fire imposed in July, which opened an era of endless sniping, shelling and mining in the Holy City.

According to the Israeli military spokesman, the two opposing commanders in Jerusalem also agreed to let convoys through to Mount Scopus, in the Holy City, and to exchange personnel there.

Finally, they agreed that "other problems" should be discussed at later meetings.—Reuter.

POLICE TRAP NT ROBBERS

Disguising themselves as Chinese sailors and coolies, New Territories police last night succeeded in trapping a gang of robbers suspected of having robbed a trading junk last Saturday.

When the gang of six men challenged the decoy junk in Deep Bay, the police opened fire and wounded two of the men who were later picked up in the water.

The rest escaped, but early this morning police in the neighbourhood arrested a third man suspected of being one of the gang.

STRANG TO HEAD DEPT.

London, Nov. 30.—The Foreign Office announced today that Sir Orme Sargent, permanent head of the Foreign Office, will resign his office of Permanent Under-Secretary of State for Foreign Affairs on February 1 next.

He will be succeeded by Sir William Strang, who for the past two years has been Permanent Under-Secretary of State for German Affairs. Sir Ivone Kirkpatrick takes over the Permanent Under-Secretaryship for German Affairs while retaining some of his present duties as Deputy Under-Secretary of State.

Mr Gladwyn Jebb, both the United Nations adviser to the Foreign Office and the British representative on the Permanent Commission of the Western Union, is promoted Deputy Under-Secretary of State and will continue to hold the same double role.—Reuter.



Mr MacKenzie King (right), who has been Prime Minister of Canada for nearly 27 years, is shown shaking hands in Ottawa, with his successor (left) the Rt Hon Louis St Laurent, present minister of Justice and leader of the Liberal Party, while the Governor-General, Viscount Alexander, looks on.—AP Picture.

Dr Bramuglia's Resolution To Solve Berlin Dispute

Paris, Nov. 30.—It is learned here tonight that Dr Juan Bramuglia, President of the Security Council, has completed a resolution suggesting a solution of the Berlin problem, which he will submit to the Security Council.

The resolution was understood to propose the following four points:

1. The creation of a Committee of Financial Experts drawn from the six "neutral" states of the Security Council;
2. This Committee to be assisted by financial experts nominated by Dr Trygve Lie, Secretary-General of the U.N.
3. The Committee will consult with experts from the four occupying powers in Berlin;
4. The Committee to finish its work by the end of December.

JOINT ACTION

The Committee, it was learned officially, will fix its plan of work and then immediately contact the representative economic specialists assigned by the United States, British, French and Russian Governments.

The appointed experts, or technicians, acting jointly will try to arrange with the disputing powers adequate terms to enforce the directives of August 30 on the introduction in Berlin of the Soviet mark, as well as the control of its issue, supply and circulation, adequate rules to regulate banking and credit facilities and the external trade of Berlin, and consideration of other subsequent facts, which could hamper implementation of the draft agreements or recommendations.

The recommendations submitted to the Security Council President will be adopted by the technicians representing the six countries, which should meet with the technicians of the four occupying powers.

In case no agreement is reached, the Committee of Experts will submit a detailed report to the Security Council's President.—Reuter.

Revenge, Motive For Assault

Revenge for his relative who was sentenced to death for the Aberdeen murder last year, was said to be the motive for Sin Chiu-chong's assault on Ng Choong.

At Central this morning, Inspector Willerton told Mr Hin-shing Lo that in October last year Ng gave the Police some very valuable information in a murder case. The man arrested and sentenced to death was a relative of the accused. On November 25 while Ng was working in a vegetable garden, Sin and his son attacked him. The boy threw stones which hit Ng in the feet and Sin struck Ng on the hand with a bamboo pole causing a fracture. The hand would have to remain in a plaster cast for at least six weeks.

The accused maintained that Ng struck his son for no reason at all, so he struck him in return.

Mr Hin-shing Lo fined the accused $50 or 15 days and ordered him to pay Ng $50 compensation or serve another 15 days. He bound both Ng and Sin over in $200 for a year, advising them, "Never quarrel. If you must, then don't quarrel so loudly or so closely to each other. If you must quarrel loudly and closely, then for goodness' sake don't use violence."

Himmler's Estates Forfeited

Munich, Nov. 30.—Heinrich Himmler, Hitler's Gestapo chief who poisoned himself on being arrested by the Allied forces in 1945, was classified as a "main culprit" by a denazification court near Munich today. The court decided that Himmler's entire property will be confiscated but his widow and two children, who are still young, will have joint rights in some of it.—Reuter.

STILL AWAIT TRIAL AFTER SIX MONTHS

London, Nov. 30.—Mr John McGovern, protested in the House of Commons today that two British soldiers arrested in Singapore in June had not yet had the charges against them completely formulated and no date for the trial had yet been fixed.

Mr Kenneth Pickthorn, Conservative, interjected amid Opposition cheers: "Does the Government consider that democracy demands that British privates should be treated in the same way as German generals?"

Mr Michael Steward, Financial Secretary to the Treasury, had said that Private Quinn and Private Howland had been charged jointly with voluntarily causing hurt to commit robbery.

Another British soldier, Private Milne, whom he understood was arrested in August, was charged with being in unlawful possession of arms which he was alleged to have disposed of improperly.

CIVIL TRIAL

They were to be tried by the civil power. So far as he was aware the date of the trial had not yet been fixed.

Mr McGovern then asked: "How is it that men arrested in June have not yet had the charges against them completely formulated? Why cannot he now tell us when the men will be tried? Is it not a disgrace that men should be held for such a long period?"

Mr Steward replied: "These men are being tried by the civil authority. It is not the War Department's responsibility to fix a date for their trial. But we have provided legal aid for these men and shall continue to do whatever is proper for them."

Mr McGovern: "Why were these men handed over to the civil authorities when the guns were alleged to have been stolen from his department?"

Mr Steward: "They were charged with a civil offence".—Reuter.

Wrong Landing Place

The master of a motor junk was fined $500 or four months by Mr Cairns at the Marine Court this morning for landing passengers at Sai Wan Bay, which is not a port of the Colony, on November 9.

Defendant pleaded that the passengers had embarked at Swabue for Ping Hoi, but on arrival at the latter place had refused to land. He was, therefore forced to bring them to Sai Wan.

CARRIED CARGO

The master of a Class IV fishing boat was cautioned for carrying cargo on his vessel. SI Nippard reported that the boat had been stopped off No. 5 wharf of the Kowloon Godowns, and was found to be carrying six persons, four of whom were passengers, and a heavy coso of machinery. He pointed out that defendant was carrying the limit of passengers allowed by his licence. In registering the caution, Mr Cairns pointed out to defendant that if he had the full number of passengers, obviously for safety reasons, he could not carry any cargo.

Nanking Gets Ready To Shut Up Shop

(Continued from Page 1)

In this area general Huang Wei's 12th Army group thrust its neck into a noose fashioned by the central Chinese armies of Communist General Liu Pocheng.

One press report said Gen. Liu had tightened this noose by capturing Kuchen, a road and railway centre, 30 miles southeast of Hsuchow. The Government's Central News said "major fighting" was erupting at Kuchen, which is 125 miles Northwest of Nanking.

NANKING DISQUIETED

The main force of General Yi's Communist armies of East China was somewhere southeast of this front, in a position to seal the trap ever tighter with a lunge Westward.

This fact, plus the news of a Red raid on Kouonchon, on the North bank of the Yangtze, 65 miles East of Nanking, added to the disquiet in Nanking.

There was increasing evidence hourly that the Government was making behind-the-scenes preparations for the fight southward should the Communists threaten to cross the formidable Yangtze river barrier.

Officials denied stoutly there was any plan for removal of Marshal Chiang Kai-shek's Government. But individual ministries shipped out dependants in increasing numbers.—Associated Press.

NORTHERN SITUATION

Tientsin, Nov. 30.—The Communists were reported today to be taking further steps to isolate the Peiping-Tientsin area by severing rail communications between Peiping and Kalgan in concert with General Lin Piao's manoeuvres in East Hopei. This was indicated by reports received here that Communist General Nieh Yung-cheng's troops, originally stationed in Suiyuan Province, had penetrated to Kwangling in North Shanshi and Weihsien in South Chahar.

Kwangling is 125 miles southwest of Peiping and Weihsien 120 miles to the west.

Meanwhile, the Mayor of Tongshan, hinting at a lengthy encirclement of the mining area, declared that from a military point of view Tongshan would not present serious problems owing to the presence there of such a huge army of Nationalist defenders.

The Mayor, Mr Yu Kuo-chen, said that while the economic situation must present a serious problem, this is not likely militarily owing to the accumulation of a huge army of Nationalist defenders in the mining area.

In Shansi, the situation at Taiyuan was reported to be quiet, with fighting confined to the west of the provincial capital, but the airfield in the southern suburb is no longer available for use, according to Chinese reports.

The new airfield in the western suburb, however, is still usable despite the concentration of hostilities around the area.—Reuter.

WOMAN DIES FROM RABIES

A fatal case of human rabies reported to the Medical Authorities is disclosed in the weekly health returns.

The victim was a Chinese woman, Chan Ho, aged 49 years, and she was found in an unnumbered hut off a side street in the Shaukiwan district on November 10.

The woman, who was believed to have been bitten by a dog about five weeks ago, was removed to the Saiyingpun Hospital where she died on November 12.

The dog has not been traced.

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New U.S. Anti-Spy Bill

Washington, Nov. 30.—The Justice Department is pressing for quick go ahead on one of the toughest anti-spy bills ever proposed in this country, it is learned today.

The measure is now before the budget bureau which wants to submit it to other government agencies for approval.

The Justice Department, however, is opposed to this move on grounds that it would delay congressional action. Department officials said the Attorney-General, Mr Tom Clark, may possibly take the matter directly to President Truman in an effort to have the bill ready when Congress convenes in January.

The measure is designed to plug loopholes in the present Espionage Act. It was prepared in co-operation with the FBI and intelligence officers of the army, navy and air force. Work on it began in 1946.

The measure includes the following provisions:

(1) The present three-year statute of limitations on espionage prosecutions would be eliminated.

(2) It would be a crime, for any Federal official to fail to report the theft of a secret document.

(3) All persons trained in espionage or sabotage by a foreign power would be requested to register.

(4) It would legalise a case of evidence obtained by wire tapping in internal security cases and would permit intelligence agents to have access to new forbidden telegrams and cables.—United Press.

Three Attractive Calendars

Three very attractive calendars—one for the office table, and two for wall decorations—have been issued by the Channel Trading Co, Ltd.

EUROPE STILL IN GRIP OF FOG

(Continued from Page 1)

A Port of London Authority official said that about 31 ships were waiting in the dock area to sail and 14 ships, some carrying food, were overdue. Most of the ships were fogbound in the Thames Estuary.

At 2 p.m. GMT today, the fourday old fog in Britain had beaten by two hours the previous fog record of 87 hours in December, 1944.

A British Air Ministry expert said the fog "will probably be with us for at least the next 48 hours.—Reuter.

PLANES TAKE OFF

London, Nov. 30.—Five BOAC aircraft delayed at Hurn, Hampshire, were able to take off when the fog lifted there for 20 minutes this afternoon.

The planes left for Cairo, Nairobi, West Africa and Calcutta.—Reuter.

Wrecked Aircraft Found

Gibraltar, Nov. 30.—A report from Algeciras says a wrecked American aircraft, found in the mountains between Algeciras and Tarifa, southern Spain, is believed to be the plane missing on a flight from Gibraltar to Port Lyautey, French North Africa, last week.

The aircraft carried Major Rolson, who was due to assume the post of second-in-command of the United States base at Port Lyautey, and his wife and two children.—Reuter.

WORLD BANTAMWEIGHT TITLE

HAWAIIAN CHINESE A TOP CONTENDER

Washington, Nov. 30.—The United States National Boxing Association says it has warned Manuel Ortiz, world's bantamweight champion, that he must take on one of the three top contenders in his division.

These logical contenders, the NBA said in a news release, are:

Guido Ferracin of Italy, Luis Galvani of Cuba, or Dave Kui-Kong-young of Hawaii.

"Drastic action may be expected in the future," warned the NBA, "in the case of champions who appear in so-called title bouts only against hand-picked opponents while logical contenders cool their heels."—Associated Press.

CLOSE SHAVE FOR SANDY

Boston, Nov. 30.—Sandy Saddler, who won the world featherweight championship exactly one month ago, was almost beaten in a ten-round non-title fight against Dennis Pat Brady, last night.

Brady's slashing, offensive style bewildered the champion for five rounds but then Saddler began to make up ground and, scoring repeatedly with sharp lefts, he gained a narrow decision.—Reuter.

HIS NEXT

New York, Nov. 30.—Sandy Saddler, the new featherweight champion of the world, will meet Terry Young, New York lightweight, in a non-title fight at Madison Square Garden on December 17.

The 20th Century Sporting Club, announcing the over-the-weight scrap, said the combatants would have to make 135 pounds.

Saddler, wiry Brooklyn puncher, won the featherweight crown with a fourth-round knockout of Willie Pep of Hartford, Conn.—Associated Press.

Nimble Feet Didn't Help

Cincinnati, Nov. 30.—Speedy Billy Smith of California used his nimble feet to keep out of serious trouble in a four-round exhibition with heavyweight champion Joe Louis today.

For most of the exhibition Smith fought at long range but in the final seconds of the first round Louis cornered him and knocked him practically across the ring with a flurry of hard rights and lefts.

After that Smith kept well out of reach.—United Press.

Postponed

Stockholm, Nov. 30.—The fight between Olle Tandberg, the Swedish heavyweight champion, and Robert Eugene, of Belgium, which was to have taken place here tomorrow night, has been postponed to Friday night.

The postponement has been made because fog has prevented Eugene from flying to Stockholm.—Reuter.

AMERICA'S

FOOTBALLER OF THE YEAR

Philadelphia, Nov. 30.—Chuck Bednarik, Pennsylvania's great centre, was named the football player of the year by the Philadelphia Maxwell Club today and simultaneously drafted by the Philadelphia Eagles of the National Football League.

The Maxwell choice of Bednarik as the nation's outstanding college football player marked the first time a lineman was so honoured by the Club.

A year ago when Maxwell named Southern Methodists' Doak Walker for the major honour, Bednarik was chosen as the nation's leading lineman. He was practically a undisputable selection for the 1947 All-American team and the leading contender again this year.—United Press.

AND THE TEAM

New York, Nov. 29.—Army's undefeated and once tied cadets were voted football champions of the east today and will be awarded the August V. Rambo Memorial Trophy, for five years. Army was the overwhelming choice of sportswriters and polled a total of 112 votes.—United Press.

TABLE TENNIS TEAM DUE

Under the auspices of the Hong Kong Table Tennis Association, a team of six players from the Singapore Table Tennis Association is expected to arrive here on or about December 12, by the ss Sangola.

The players on this team will shortly undertake an extensive tour through Europe and will also take part in the International Table Tennis championships to be held early next year.

In addition to four games in Hongkong, the visitors are also booked for a series of games in Macao.

Badminton League

The following is tonight's programme in the Men's "B" Division of the Badminton League:

Kowloon Dock	v	St. John's "A"
YMC "A"	v	Kowloon Tong "A"
St. Teresa's "A"	v	KCC
St. John's "B"	v	YMC "B"
Kowloon Tong "B"	v	Recreio
RAF	v	St. Teresa's "B"
Chinese YMCA	v	Chung Wah

Football

S. AMERICAN OFFER

All Expenses Will Be Paid

London, Nov. 30.—England's Football Association announced that it had received an invitation for an English First Division soccer team to tour Brazil, Argentina, Chile, Uruguay and Peru. The Football Association did not disclose the origin of the offer.

Full expenses including air travel for a party of 20 to 22 are guaranteed, the Football Association said. A sum to cover the wages of professional players, insurance and a spending allowance for each member of the party while on tour will also be paid.

Arsenal Football Club has already been asked to tour Brazil next summer but no decision will be made by the officials of the London team until later in the current English season.—Associated Press.

Swiss Team Gropes Through The Fog

London, Nov. 30.—The Swiss international soccer team to meet England here tomorrow arrived at their hotel after a journey of 11½ hours from Switzerland.

Their aircraft was diverted from Northolt Airport, London, to Hurn Airport, Hampshire, owing to fog, and they were delayed for three hours in their train journey from Bournemouth to London through an electric current failure on the line.

The English Football Association announced tonight that arrangements remained for playing the England and Switzerland match tomorrow, but if the fog persisted, a decision would be made, regarding a postponement, before 11 a.m. tomorrow.

They would then decide whether the match should be played on Thursday.

The Swiss footballers were still further delayed owing to an electric current failure outside London which held up all trains entering Waterloo Station, into which terminus their train was to box.

The coach which was to take them from the station to their hotel had groped its way through the worst London fog for years in getting to the terminus.

The failure of the electric current was the result of a train collision at Clapham Junction, just outside London. A main line train from the coast, coming into London just ahead of the Bournemouth Belle, with its Swiss footballers on board, ran into another express in the thick fog. There were no casualties.—Reuter.

Italian Club Bags English Player

London, Nov. 30.—Doncaster Rovers' 21-year-old reserve centre-forward, Pat Gillespie, has accepted a contract with the Allessandria United, an Italian club, and will fly to Milan on Sunday with his wife and baby son.

He will receive £100 on signing and £12½ a week pay with £5 bonus for a win and £2½ for a draw.

A house and two servants will be provided and if he does not like the job after six months his return fare will be paid by the club.

Doncaster Rovers received a substantial transfer fee for Gillespie.—Reuter.

Mortensen Unfit

London, Nov. 30.—Stanley Mortensen, the England inside right, was today declared unfit for the England versus Switzerland soccer International here tomorrow.

The composition of the England forward line may not be decided until the last moment.—Reuter.

Benefits

London, Nov. 30.—Benefits totalling £200,000 have been paid to over 1,000 professional footballers during the past two and a half seasons.

The League Management Committee so far this season have granted benefits to 280 players involving the sum of £79,000.—Reuter.

SPORTING SAM By Reg. Wootton



Britain's Golf Nurseries To Have More Solid Backing

London, Nov. 30.—In prewar years the British Boys and Girls' Golf Championships, without in any way having official status from the ruling bodies of men's and women's golf, played a notable role in the way of being nurseries for senior golf.

Both junior events had regular challenges from overseas and while boys from European countries did not meet with success, a young American, S. Scheftel, took the boys' title out of the country in 1938.

Generally, however, that event was a battle between the youngsters of England and Scotland, although James Bruen, who was to reach the peak of senior amateur golf, won for Ireland in 1936.

The girls' championship was often challenged seriously by French girls and the introduction of Mlle Simone Thion de la Chaume (now Madame Rene Lacoste) to the top flight of women's golf can be traced back to her success in the British girls' championship of 1924.

Diana Esmond won two years later and a third French success came in 1937, when Mlle Laly Vaglianb (now Vicomtesse de St. Sauveur) was successful.

IDEAL TRAINING

Add to these few imposing names such former girls as Diana Fishwick, Enid Wilson, Nairn Baird, Jessie Anderson and the boys R. W. Beattie, Eric McRuvie, Eric Fiddian, Hector Thomson, Laddie Lucas and John Langley, winners respectively of the girls' and boys' titles before proceeding to international rank in senior golf, and it can be seen that the junior championships were ideal training grounds.

Now that the Royal and Ancient Club have the boys' event and the Ladies' Golf Union are next year to revive the girls' championship and give it official backing, the result can only be still more success for championships which, for many years, were promoted by private bodies who, like the ruling authorities, realised the nursery value of "catching them young."

The girls' championship, as because of expense and travel it was always held near London, rarely attracted a large entry but if the Ladies' Golf Union decided to take the event round the British Isles, as in the case of their senior events, they must tap new sources of potential international talent from among those youngsters who could not afford to travel to London every year.

The boys' championship of the past has been more widely dispersed and it is anticipated that the Royal and Ancient Club will continue this procedure and, by giving the championship to the leading courses, including some of those on which open and amateur championships are played, will add to the lustre of the championship apart from giving the boys the valuable experience of playing on the toughest courses.

All this must improve the playing standard of British golf.—Reuter.



Lawn Bowls Match

The following have been selected to represent the Scottish Constitution against the English Constitution in the Masonic Lawn Bowls match to be played at the Kowloon Bowling Green Club on Sunday December 5, commencing at 2.30 p.m. sharp:

L. A. R. Selby, W. J. Keates, J. Dinnen and A. Daniel (skip);

A. J. Kow, J. G. Robertson, J. Burns and C. S. Rosselet (skip);

W. H. Bailey, H. Higgs, H. Gittins and J. Fraser (skip);

L. Coombes, J. Grindley, A. Bailey and A. Jillott (skip);

A. Steven, R. Leigh, T. Wren and L. C. Collyer (skip);

T. Hemsley, A. Rosen, A. W. Hircock and J. Bradley (skip).

Cricket Teams

A Press XI will meet a KCC team in a cricket match at the KCC next Sunday afternoon, starting at 2 p.m. The scribes will be represented by S. A. Gray (Capt), J. R. Luke, D. G. White, H. Ching, P. Smith, P. Ching, R. Tay, C. Wong, J. Chiu, J. P. Fruttejohn and V. V. Kolatchoff.

IRC Second Eleven

The following have been selected to represent the IRC 2nd XI in a friendly game against Recreio on Saturday at 1.45 p.m.—M. A. Wahab, Sr. (Capt), A. K. Marker, Miakin Samy, S. Aboo, R. A. Bux, M. A. Wahab, Jr., K. H. Esmail, F. A. Curreem, A. D. Ebrahim, S. E. M. Dias, S. Motiwalla, T. A. Ebrahim (12th man). Scorer, G. G. Barma.

SUCCESSION TO THE THRONE

At 3.45 p.m. today at the Ladies' Recreation Club, the final of the Club Ladies' Singles Championship will be played between Mrs Stroobach, runner-up in the Colony Open, and Mrs Enid Litton, the former Colony Open Champion.

Though only a Club final, the match takes on added interest in the fact that Mrs Stroobach and Mrs Litton are the two ranking players after the Colony Champion, Miss Dawn Kent.

As Miss Kent is leaving for Australia, the title of First Ranking Player falls vacant and it should be decided on the outcome of today's match.

Mrs Stroobach has already beaten Mrs Litton in a three-set struggle in the Colony Open this year and though the odds today weigh in her favour there is no certainty that she will repeat.

Week-End Soccer

The first round matches of the Challenge Shield Competition of the HKFA will take place on Saturday and Sunday. The matches down for decision are:

Saturday

Senior

South China "B" v KMB, Caroline Hill, 3.45 p.m. (Ref, L. G. Young; linesmen, Lt. Davey/A. F. Willis).

CAA v Club, Boundary, 3.45 p.m. (Ref, Capt. Stone; linesmen, A. Guest/N. Delgado).

Junior

South China v W. D. Chinese, Caroline Hill, 2 p.m. (Ref, Lt. Davey).

KMB v St Joseph's, Boundary, 2 p.m. (Ref, A. Guest).

Club v Navy, Club, 3.45 p.m. (Ref, W. Crawford).

Sunday

Senior

South China "A" v Navy, Caroline Hill, 3.45 p.m. (Ref, J. G. Padley; linesmen, D. P. Lai/S. Y. Kwok).

Kitchee v Kwong Wah, Navy, 3.45 p.m. (Ref, W. Gaffney; linesmen, F. A. Barretto/Y. T. Leung).

Junior

Kitchee v CAA, Caroline Hill, 2 p.m. (Ref, D. P. Lai).

PCA v Tramways, Navy, 2 p.m. (Ref, F. A. Barretto).

Police v Taikoo, Boundary, 3.45 p.m. (Ref, J. Ward).

Byes Senior: Police, Eastern, St Joseph's and Army. Junior: Solicitors and Dockyard.

Duration of each game shall be 70 minutes, and an extra 10 minutes each way must be played in the event of a draw.

Hockey Fixtures

The following are the Hockey Association fixtures for the week-end:

RAF v Club de Recreio, Kai Tak, 10.30 a.m. Umpires: Yeo Siga Gaten and P. F. Xavier.

Cable & Wireless v HK Police, King's Park RNRC (2), 9.30 a.m. Umpires: S.B.P.O. Yeomans and Mr Duce, RN.

Army v Civil Service, Sookunpoo, 10 a.m. Umpires: G. T. Palmer and E. K. A. Miller.

Khalsa v Dutch HC, King's Park, RNRC (2), 10.45 a.m. Umpires: Mr Merritt and S.B.C.P.O. Shaw.

Navy v Dockyard RC, King's Park, RNRC (1), 10.30 a.m. Umpires: Capt. H. J. Chisnell and J. S. Grewal.

YMCA v University, King's Park (YMCA), 10 a.m. Umpires: D. T. Smith and Mahan Singh.

All umpires are requested to confirm by phone (30301 Ex. 117) before 5 p.m. on Friday. Secretaries are requested to ensure prompt attendance of their teams. A maximum of ten minutes delay will be allowed.

Will umpires please notify results of matches by phone as soon as possible after the match.

Derby Loses George Pope

London, Nov. 30.—George Pope, the Derbyshire County cricketer who toured India in 1937-1938 and played against South Africa at Lords in 1947, has been released from his contract by the Derbyshire club.

This is because of the approaching removal, to Jersey for health reasons, of his wife and Derbyshire realise that it would be impossible for him to be available throughout the season without great inconvenience.—Reuter.

JACK HALE IS

Britain's Best Ever Swimmer

London, Nov. 30.—Norman Wainwright of Hanley—Britain's outstanding pre-war swimmer—still held all but two of nine British native free style records when the war ended.

One by one his performances have been supplanted in the record book of Jack Hale of Hull Kingston, whose latest feat was to clip 2/5ths seconds off Wainwright's 11-year-old record of 1 minute 27 seconds for 150 yards.

Hale is not only the fastest British free-style swimmer over all distances from 150 yards to the mile; he has recently leapt into prominence as a back-stroke exponent.

He has set up a new European record of 5 minutes 11.8 seconds for 400 metres back-stroke and hopes are high that he will soon improve on the world record of 5 minutes 9.0 seconds held by the United States.—Reuter.

Dodgers' Move

New York, Nov. 30.—Brooklyn Dodgers today announced the signing of a working agreement with the Hollywood Stars of the Pacific Coast League, becoming the only club in the Majors with an affiliation in each of the three triple AAA circuits.

Brooklyn controls Montreal in the International League and St Paul in the American Association.—United Press.

Hongkong Oarsmen To Compete In Saigon

Saigon, Nov. 30.—Despite civil war outside their doors, Saigon's sportsmen—French and Annamites—are taking the lead in the revival of international competition among the countries of Southeast Asia.

Latest of the "over-the-border" sports events to be scheduled by groups from Saigon is a rowing regatta on December 17, when the Club Nautique de Saigon meets oarsmen from the Royal Hongkong Yacht Club.

The races will be part of the formal opening of a new home on the Saigon River for the Club Nautique.

Three races are planned, according to the Club Nautique President, M. Guy Horlin. They are a fours race, a pairs race and a single sculls race.

Indo-China's sportsmen got their first taste of post-war competition recently with rugby, soccer and water polo matches between players of Cochin China and Cambodia. Then they branched out into the international field, seeking a revival of pre-war contests.

The swimmers met water pololats from Rangoon in a hard-fought game. Then, in Bangkok recently, the Franco-Annamite team made a clean sweep, downing the teams from the Siamese Rugby Union at rugby, and of the Royal Bangkok Sports Club at water polo.

Horlin recently visited Singapore, seeking athletic competitions between Saigon teams and Malayan groups. Negotiations are still in progress.—Associated Press.

Photo Finish Timing Asked For Olympics

Harold Abrahams, the former Olympic Games gold medallist and now a member of the British Amateur Athletic Board, holds that future Olympic Games running events should be decided by a photo-finish timing aparatus which would make judging infallible.

He also advocated use of an electric eye system for high jumping and pole vaulting, which meant that competitors could use a bar or not if they wanted to.

The ray between the two uprights would be broken by their bodies to determine the height cleared.

Mr Abrahams, speaking at a lecture on "Wembley and after," said, it was difficult to predict what Britain's team would do at Helsinki in four years' time but that, with the generous assistance given by the Ministry of Education for the coaching scheme, the all-round standard is improving.

Great men come and go, he said, but there will be other Woodersons.

Records Passed

London, Nov. 30.—The International Amateur Athletic Federation has accepted as a world record the time of 35 mins 43.4 secs by Harry Churcher for the five miles' walk in London in June last.

Other records accepted include H. McKenley's 45.5 secs for the 400 metres at Milwaukee; the 5 mins 7 secs of G. Reiff, of Belgium, for the 2,000 metres in Brussels; and the 11 secs of Mrs. Fanny Blankers-Koen, the Netherlands Olympic star, for the women's 80 metres hurdles at Amsterdam.

All these feats were achieved this year.—Reuter.

SOVIETS CLAIM RIFLE RECORD

Moscow, Nov. 30.—Sports master O. Zhgutov, of Moscow, has set what is claimed to be a new international mark for rifle shooting.

Reporting a meeting at Viborg, "Soviet Sport" said that Zhgutov, firing at 300 metres, scored 187 points out of a possible 200.

"This is one point better than the former record held by N. Borovitsky," said the sporting paper and two points better than the official world record, held by Zimmerman of Switzerland.—Associated Press.

World Bobsledding Championships

New York, Nov. 30.—The 1949 world's bobsledding championships will be staged in February at Lake Placid, N.Y.

Dan Ferris, secretary of the United States Amateur Athletic Union, said the two-man competition will take place on February 2-3 and the four-man event on February 5-6.

Mount Hoevenberg's famous one mile chute will be used for both.

It is the first time the bobsled championships have been held in this country since the 1932 Winter Olympics.

Entry forms have been forwarded to France, England, Belgium, Switzerland, Czechoslovakia, Italy and Canada.—Associated Press.

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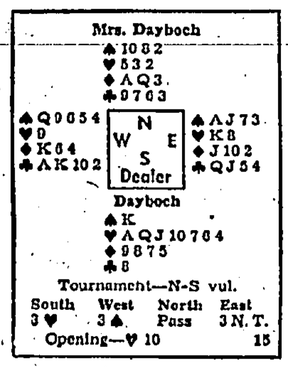
One Wrong Card, He's Down Seven!

BY WILLIAM E. McKENNEY

MOST of us have heard the little bridge story in which one person asks another what kind of game he plays, and the reply is, "Last night I went down two. I had bid three and should make four." Mr and Mrs H. N. Dayboch of St Paul, Minn., saw that story demonstrated in today's hand when they tied for first place in the national amateur team-of-four championship with Donald G. Horwitz and Dr A. G. Engel.

When West bid three spades, he may have been employing the Fish-bein convention which requires a bid from partner. Otherwise it would seem that East's normal response would have been four spades. But this is a story about what actually happened. East played the contract at three no trump.

East won Dayboch's opening lead of the ten of hearts with the king and played a low club to dummy's ace. His next play was the queen of



Tournament—N-S vul.

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spades from dummy and when Mrs. Dayboch (North) put on the deuce, East played the three-spot. Dayboch's singleton king made, and he proceeded to cash six good heart tricks.

Declarer had discarded a diamond from dummy and a diamond from his own hand, so Dayboch next led the nine of diamonds. Dummy played the six-spot, Mrs Dayboch won with the queen and East had to play the ten. Mrs Dayboch then cashed the ace of diamonds and led the three-spot, Dayboch won this with the eight and cashed the seven of diamonds.

Down seven was the score. The contract was for nine tricks and declarer took two. If he had led a small spade from dummy and gone up with the ace, he could have cashed five spade tricks, the king of hearts and four clubs—ten tricks. This time the story went, "I bid three, should have made four and went down seven."

DUMB-BELLS



Check Your Knowledge

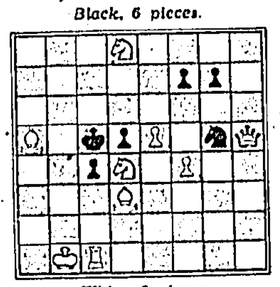
1. Name the mathematician whose "propositions" are the basis of all elementary instruction in geometry.
2. Name the most important river in Scotland.
3. What people introduced the arch in architecture?
4. Who is a Gringo.
5. What do you understand by "ground-game"?
6. When did Joe Louis become heavyweight champion of the world?

(Answers on Column 4)

CHESS PROBLEM

By G. CAMPBELL

Black, 6 pieces.



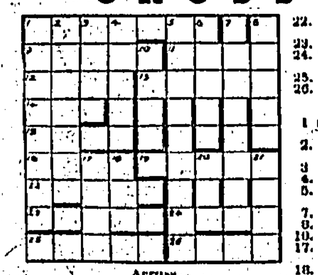
White, 9 pieces.

White to play and mate in three

Solution to yesterday's problem:

1. Kt—K7, any; 2. Q. or R mates.

CROSSWORD



Across.

1 and 6. Well-known character of a famous nursery fairy story. (3, 2, 5)
9 and 10. Abroad. (6)
11. Initially postage free. (4)
12. Close at hand and possibly close-listed (6) 13. Break out. (5)
14. Just a fragment of rot. (3)
15. Containers. (6)
16. One of Peel's hounds. (4)
19. Hears the clip in a way. (5)
22. A recent addition to our unrationed food list. (5)
23. See 1 Down.
24. The common name for many tall grasses. (4)
25. A mixture of metals. (5)
26. Slide. (4)

Down

1 and 23. Many a standard is inscribed with them. (7, 3, 3)
2. Rabbits are said to have done this down under. (7)
3. Fancy getting this from tape. (4)
4. A kind of gold or silver lace. (5)
5. Where tykes are always found. (9) 6. See 1 Across.
7. Cut off. (8)
8. Art is on the move like this. (5)
10. See 9 Across.
17. Do this to a bataman and he will be put out (4)
18. Agreed. (3) 20. Extend. (3)
21. A dire change. (4)

Solution of yesterday's puzzle.—Across: 1 and 5, Oc to the mark; 7, Nocturnal; 8, Ill-bred; 14, Irani; 14, See 3 Down; 15, Jest; 17, Ease; 18, See 9 Down; 21, Optimist; 22, Kale; 23, Meter. Down: 1 Unico jack; 2 and 19, Police court; 4 and 14, Turn ande; 4, End-wise; 5, See 1 Across; 6, All; 9, Sailor; 10, Rapt; 11, Report; 12, Heed; 13, Great; 16, Sole; 20, Ate.

EXCLUSIVE 'TELEGRAPH' FEATURE

YOUR BIRTHDAY..... By STELLA

WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 1

BORN today, you have two outstanding qualifications for success; the talent for leadership and the ability to get along with people in varying walks of life. Quiet and reserved, you dislike others interfering with your personal affairs, but are competent and willing to give help and advice to others, if in a position which officially designates this as part of your job.

The stars have given you a variety of creative talents and your tendency will be, unless you are careful, to scatter your interests over too wide a field. Specialisation is of great importance to your eventual success.

Routine work and monotony are abhorrent to you. You must have work which is a challenge to your mind to be happy. Fond of travel you might utilise this as a background for writing or public lecturing.

Intrigued by the mysterious and occult, you might make a serious study of the subject at some period in your life. Through your originality and inventiveness, you may make money in fields which are not always considered highly remunerative.

An early marriage to someone who is interested in similar objectives can bring you considerable happiness.

To find what the stars have in store for tomorrow, select your birthday star and read the corresponding paragraph. Let your birthday star be your daily guide.

THURSDAY, DECEMBER 2

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 23-Dec. 22)—Good for business and real estate, but best to postpone travelling until later if you can.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 23-Jan. 20)—A good day for love and romance. The domestic scene is favoured, too. Exert caution if travelling.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 21-Feb. 19)—A poor day for you. Hold strictly to routine and avoid accidents due to haste or poor judgment.

PISCES (Feb. 20-Mar. 21)—Early hours are definitely adverse, but conditions improve as the day goes on. Postpone decisions about important plans.

ARIES (Mar. 22-Apr. 20)—You may start new enterprises and combine social and business projects with anticipation of success.

TAURUS (Apr. 21-May 21)—Harmony and co-operative action is important right now. Exert especial caution if working on machines.

GEMINI (May 22-June 22)—All partnerships, either business or marriage, are highly favoured right now. Emphasis may be on the home front.

CANCER (June 23-July 23)—Clerks in stores selling accessories may anticipate increased sales volume. Be careful if beginning a journey.

LEO (July 24-Aug. 23)—Sudden changes may occur. Be prepared for all emergencies. Avoid taking group action just now.

VIRGO (Aug. 24-Sept. 22)—Romance takes precedence over business affairs, but don't neglect the latter entirely. Make future plans.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23)—You may anticipate increased rewards for your efforts in business. Postpone even a business trip, until later.

SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 22)—Any differences of opinion in either your business or personal life should be straightened out today.

MIDWEEK BOOK PARADE

A. J. CRONIN'S DOCTORS DON'T HAVE MUCH FUN

By DANIEL GEORGE

NOVELS about doctors are always popular. But why this extraordinary interest in the doings of imaginary doctors?

It is not as though they were any better than doctors in real life. Usually they are not only unprofessional but positively ungentlemanly.

Perhaps we need to be assured that doctors have the failings of ordinary mortals. Or it may be that we experience a sense of relief in knowing that when we fall ill we shall stand a better chance of recovery than the poor creatures in medical fiction. Lucky for them if they get out of the book alive. Doctors and nurses are blundering all round them.

In Dr. A. J. Cronin's new novel "SHANNON'S WAY." By A. J. Cronin. (*Gollancz. 10s. 6d.*) it is often a matter of life and death. Fortunately for us as readers, it is almost as often a matter of love and research. And at the end we can relax.

The prospect is bright. True, there may be tough times ahead for Robert and Jean: Cronin created them, so it is possible they have another volume of the Shannon saga to go through.

Remember Robert Shannon in "The Green Years"? A morose man. (*Dour*, perhaps, is the word—he is a Scot.) His life has been one long battle with adversity.

Here he is, back from the 1914-1918 war, engaged in research work, trying to find the cause of an epidemic form of influenza. He succeeds, in spite of obstruction. Having discovered the cause of the disease, all he has to do is to produce the cure.

Nothing Goes Right

In this he is assisted by a girl student, Jean Law, daughter of a baker of uncompromising religious noncomformity. She is Shannon's inspiration, but marriage is out of the question with a Roman Catholic.

Nothing goes right for him. Dismissed from his original job, he takes a post at a cottage hospital, is dismissed from that, and after acting as assistant to busy "slum" doctor, joins the staff of a lunatic asylum, where surprisingly there is an up-to-date lab.

Here he makes his great discovery—only to find that he has been beaten to it by an American researcher.

But by this time the end of the book is in sight, and there, as I have hinted, the future looks hopeful.

A doctor's life is not an easy one in a Cronin novel. It is the author's peculiar triumph that he makes it easy to read about.

"Shannon's Way," will go the way of all Cronin's novels—into the best-selling class. Jean will help to take it there. Shannon himself, a bit of a boor, is rapidly becoming a bit of a bore.

(Tomorrow—Record Review)

Radio Hongkong

H.K.T.

6.00, Programme Summary; 6.01, Children's Half Hour: "Gobbins Goose" (BBCTS); 6.30, Songs by Denny Dennis; 6.40, Pete Valdermina at the Piano (Studio); 7.00, World and Home News (London Relay); 7.15, Saxophone Recital by Emilio Salonga with Piano accompaniment by Vicente Cristobal, (Studio); 7.30, "Much Binding in the Marsh", (BBCTS); 8.00, "From the Editorials" (London Relay); 8.10, Interlude; 8.15, "It's in the Air" Variety Request Programme presented by Susan Howard (Studio); 9.15, Violin Recital by Adolf Busch; 9.30, "The Death of Abbe Vilbois" A De Maupassant Story adapted as a Mystery Play by Stephen Proctor (BBCTS); 10.00, Radio Newsreel (London Relay); 10.15, Weather Report; 10.16 "Sands of Time" Presented by Clifford Davies. (Studio); 10.45, Music for Dancing; 11.15, Weather Report and Close Down.

OUTWARD MAILS

Unless otherwise stated, registered articles and parcel posts close 10 minutes earlier than the ordinary mail. If mails close before 10 a.m., registered and parcel posts close at 5 p.m. on the previous day. Mails are closed at Kowloon Central Post Office, half an hour earlier than the GPO closing times.

WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 1
Closing Times By Air

Shanghai, Nanking, Hankow, Tsingtao, Peiping, Amoy, Taipeh, Swatow and Foochow, 3.30 p.m.

Closing Times By Sea

Formosa via Takao, 3 p.m.
Bangkok, 3 p.m.
Hoihow and Straits, 3 p.m.
Foochow, 1 p.m.
Tsamkong via Canton, 5 p.m.

THURSDAY, DECEMBER 2
Closing Times By Air

Canton, (Kowloon CPO) 9 a.m., Noon, 2 p.m.; (GPO) 8.30 a.m., 11.30 a.m., 1.30 p.m.
Shanghai, 8.30 a.m. (reg); 9 a.m. (ord).
Swatow and Amoy, 9 a.m. (reg); 9.30 a.m. (ord);
Kunming, Liuchow, Amoy, Shanghai, Nanking, Hankow, Tsingtao, Peiping, Swatow and Chungking, 3.30 p.m.
Rangoon, Calcutta, Karachi, Bahrein, Alexandria, (Nairobi, Johannesburg and Marseilles via Alexandria) Rome and London, (Kowloon CPO) 4.30 p.m.; (GPO) 5 p.m.
Bangkok, Singapore, Batavia, Colombo, Sydney and Auckland, 5 p.m.
Japan, 5 p.m.

Closing Times By Sea

Japan, 10 a.m.
Formosa via Keelung, Noon.
Manila, Noon.
Haiphong and Saigon, 3 p.m.

POCKET CARTOON

by OSBERT LANCASTER



"Oh I admit the little show-off gets away with it all right in straight hymns, but I bet you he uses a stand-in for 'O for the Wings of a Dove.'"

BY THE WAY

by Beachcomber

EVER since Professor Baldur Dasch discovered that some children eat tinfoil, while others do not, the people known as Child Psychologists have been hard at work.

At the end of one of their conferences it was revealed that children can present three-dimensionally, through sand and toys, their secret fears.

Their secret hopes, as Mrs Emily Ditchwater says, can be presented one-dimensionally, through turnips. Children are either "walled-in or beautifully solid," and it is a fact, denied only by social obstructionists with obscurantist tendencies, that children co-ordinate their focus-points of emotion and intellect according as their subliminal urges are retro-active or proto-referentially disturbed.

The mosaic-complex

THESE jovial lads in conference also found that everybody has a pattern, and reveals his mental age by the way in which he arranges coloured shapes.

This mosaic-complex (adumbrated by Phlugelmann) proves that if you play with coloured bricks your mental health will depend on what you build with them.

It is going to be pretty terrible to be a child in the coming years. Or a grown-up, for that matter.

Fish overboard!

THE seal which refused to stay in the sea on the Suffolk coast, and, after being rowed out and popped overboard, was found eating kippers on shore, is an instance of evolution. Its grandchildren will probably have legs and live in a kennel. Let us not forget how a kindly estate agent once rescued a young mackerel from the sea and reared it in his garden. One day, when it was beginning to grow eyebrows, it went for a walk on the pier, fell into the sea, and was drowned.

'Undaunted'

SO there goes Grimley on his horse, knowing he will be back that night with the girl, and there, in the opposite direction, goes Barter, facing the unimaginable perils of 3,000 miles of unexplored forest, swamp, creek, plain, and mountain.

Even the Colonel says, "That's a brave man. We'll never see him again." Barter rides slowly and carefully, bending from the saddle to examine the ground for footmarks, and keeping his ear cocked for the whistle of a sudden Indian arrow, or a rustling in the undergrowth.

Meanwhile the lovely English rose, Mignonette, is tied to a towering yamyam-tree with stout ropes, for Grimley insisted that the rescue must look like a real one.

Inflamed with rum, the redskins dance round her, waving their tomahawks. But there is something in her proud bearing that makes even Big Chief Nickanocka wince. When a daring brave approaches her and pulls her nose, he is rebuked.

For unless she is delivered to the Great White Lord Grimley sound in wind and limb, there will be no more rum. But see, here comes the gallant Englishman to set free the fairest maid between Slushnhanna Creek and Fort Honkytonk.

CHECK YOUR KNOWLEDGE

Answers

1. Euclid. 2. The Clyde River. 3. The Romans. 4. Mexican cant name for an American. 5. A collective term for rabbits and hares. 6. June 22, 1937 by defeating James Braddock.

DAB and FLOUNDER By WALTER



FOR THE BUSINESSMAN

SCAP Textile Expert To Survey Markets

Tokyo, Nov. 30.—Allied Headquarters has dispatched an American textile expert on a 65-day survey of potential markets for Japanese textiles in Africa, Middle East and the Far East.

The roving salesman, Mr Carl Campbell, of the Headquarters' textile branch, was said to have left New York for Dakar, Senegal, the first stop of his tour.

Mr Campbell will visit Leopoldville, in Belgian Congo, Tunis, Greece, Turkey, Aden, Burma, Singapore, Saigon and Hongkong, arriving in Tokyo in the middle of February.

Officials said the trip is to look up many former large-scale textile customers and "is expected to contribute to increased sales of wool, silk, rayon and cotton products."

They said Mr Campbell will consult government officials, trade organisations and private business concerns to determine the amount of interest in Japanese textiles in places visited and to survey the qualities and styles of textiles produced and sold in those areas.

The announcement added: "It is further considered necessary to have first-hand information regarding current prices, present market supply sources, currency limitations and availabilities and import restrictions."—United Press.

Experimental Jute-Growing In Travancore

Tribandrum, Nov. 30.—India may successfully contest Pakistan's claim to being the world's greatest jute-growing country, if present plans for the large-scale cultivation of the fibre in the low lying areas of Travancore succeed.

According to experts, an area of 50,000 acres in Central Travancore is best suited for the cultivation of jute as a seasonal crop. Still further areas in the neighbouring state of Cochin have been found fit.

The possibilities of growing jute were carefully examined by Dr B. C. Kundu, director of the Jute Agricultural Research Institute, and Sir Datar Singh, vice-chairman of the Indian Council of Agricultural Research.

This on-the-spot investigation convinced them that the black soil, composed of fine silt, would facilitate the growing of the crop.

AREA AVAILABLE

In Central Travancore the chances of sea water getting into the fields are little. Paddy is grown here also during the period from November to February. After the harvest of the paddy crop it will be possible to sow the jute, which will be fully grown within a period of two months. The area available for jute cultivation in these tracts will be about 40,000 to 50,000 acres.

India needs 7,000,000 bales (one bale equals about 400 pounds) of jute, and she looks to Pakistan for the importation of 5,000,000 bales. This covers the 6,000,000 bales needed for mill consumption, 900,000 for raw jute export, and internal consumption of 100,000.

As an experimental measure it has been proposed to grow jute this year on 2,000 acres of land, distributed in 22 centres. Jute seed worth 10,000 rupees will be distributed free to agriculturists.

If the scheme succeeds, it will be possible not only to feed the idling mills in Calcutta, but also to raise India's exchange resources.—United Press.

N.Y. FOREIGN EXCHANGE

New York, Nov. 30.

	US$
Argentine Peso (Official)	0.2077
Argentine Peso (Unofficial)	.2091
Australia	3.23
Brazil	.0660
Belgium	.0229
Canada	.92-9/16
Chile	.0230
England	4.03-¼
France	.0032-¼
India	.3024
Mexico	.1450
New Zealand	4.02-¾
Peru	.0670
Portugal	.0403-¾
South Africa	4.03-¼
Sweden	.2765
Switzerland	.2515
Uruguay	.4222
Venezuela	.3010
Netherlands	.3775
Batavia	.3775
Singapore	.4733
Hongkong	.2490

—United Press.

RUBBER PRICES LOWER

New York, Nov. 30.—Crude rubber standard futures closed 20 to 30 points lower on sales totalling seven contracts. December, 17.80 bid; March, 17.20 bid.

Crude rubber number one futures closed 20 points lower on sales of 25 contracts. March, 17.50; May, 17.35; July 17/20 bid.

Spot No. 1 ribbed smoked sheets were quoted 18 nominal.—Associated Press.

Consul Becomes Bank Manager

Singapore, Nov. 30.—After 30 years of diplomatic service, Mr. Chen Chang-lok, former Consul-General in Singapore, arrived here this morning to become manager of the Singapore branch of the Kwangtung Provincial Bank.—Central News.

Silver Prices

New York, Nov. 30.

Silver, per fine ounce, as quoted by Messrs Handy and Harmon, 71¼ cents.—United Press.

LONDON SILVER

London, Nov. 30.

Silver, Spot, per ounce 45d.
Silver, Forward, per ounce ... 45d.

—United Press.

Exchange Rates

Business was done in the local unofficial exchange market this morning at the following rates:—

Sterling pound note (per £1)	19.00
U.S. dollar (per $1)	5.12
Gold bars (per tael)	227.00
FIC piastres (per 100)	9.30
Siam ticals (per 100)	25.50
NEI guilders (per 100)	34.90
Gold yuan	.12

HONGKONG SHARES

The turnover on the Stock Exchange this morning was $129,750. Transactions and noon prices follow:—

SHARES	BUYERS	SELLERS	SALES
BANKS			
HK Bank			10 @ 1880
East Asia	141		
INSURANCES			
Canton	300		
HK Fire	265		
DOCKS, ETC.			
Dock		22	
Provident		20	
LAND, ETC.			
HK Hotel	13.70	14	
HK Land	65		400 @ 6615
S'hai Land ...	2.50	3.10	2000 @ 3.10
			8500 @ 3
UTILITIES			
Tram	20.10		
Star Ferry	135		
C. Light	14¾		
Electric	35¾	36½	1000 @ 35¾
			500 @ 30
Macao Electric	25¼		
Telephone		35	
STORES, ETC.			
Dairy (O)		44	
Watson (O) ..		58	
Wing On (HK)			10 @ 110
MISCELLANEOUS			
Marsman (HK)			1000 @ 2

US Steel Firms Charged

Washington, Nov. 30.—The government today charged the Republic Steel Corporation, 19 other steel manufacturers, and one trade association with trying to restrain competition in manufacture.

The Department of Justice made the charge in a civil anti-trust suit filed in the Federal Court at Cleveland.

The government alleges that 20 pipe manufacturers divided up the country among themselves and each had specifically defined geographical areas for selling pipe. It is claimed that Republic Steel had exclusive rights to sell in a number of states and all foreign countries.

The government said the Toncan Culvert Manufacturers' Association had enforced the "exclusive sale" agreements and asked the Court to dissolve the Association and force the 20 manufacturers to abandon the agreements.—United Press.

World Sugar And Wheat Production

Washington, Nov. 30.—The United States Agriculture Department reported on Tuesday that revised estimates placed this year's world sugar production at 37,004,000 short tons, compared with 33,869,000 tons last year.

The world wheat crop was estimated at 6,285,000,000 bushels, compared with 5,815,000,000 bushels last year.—Associated Press.

German Recovery

Berlin, Nov. 30.—A military economist said this week that Western Germany has increased production to three-quarters of normal, and will be self-supporting by 1952, when ERP aid ends.

He said production in the Western zones had increased from 38 percent of normal last summer to 73 percent of normal. The year 1936 is taken as the "normal" year for purposes of comparison.—Associated Press.

Noritake China Director To Visit United States

Tokyo, Nov. 30.—The Nippon Toki Ceramics Company, manufacturers of the world famous noritake china, will soon send one of its directors to the United States.

He will be in the United States for two months at the invitation of the Metasco Company in New York.—United Press.

"Illegal" Soviet Election

Western Military Governors Protest

Frankfurt, Nov. 30.—The three Western Military Governors in Germany, in a letter to Marshal Vassily Sokolovsky, the Soviet Military Governor, today described as "illegal" the election of new officers to the Berlin City Administration.

They asked whether this action of the "dissident elements in the City Assembly" in the Eastern sector today, taken in "direct contravention of the City's Constitution," had Marshal Sokolovsky's approval.

Each of the three Western Military Governors sent separate letters in identical terms, which stated that they still desired to see the Constitution of Berlin, as approved by the four occupation powers, once more applied without restriction under four-power control.

The letters added: "I notice that in the fourth paragraph of your letter you suggest that separatist elements in the Berlin Magistrat with the support of certain occupation authorities, have been striving to disorganise its function as a single municipal organisation.

"This suggestion is one which neither I nor any unbiased observer of the events of recent months can accept.

HOOLIGAN ELEMENTS

"The action of the Soviet authorities in permitting the disruption of the City Assembly by hooligan elements, their arbitrary dismissal of a number of duly elected City officials without the assent of the Commandants of the three Western sectors and their abandonment of the Allied Kommandatura, together with innumerable other unilateral breaches of the quadripartite arrangements for Berlin have demonstrated the intention of the Soviet authorities to divide the city and to prevent the exercise of democratic rights and liberties in their own sector."

The Western Military Governors, unable to leave for Berlin because of the fog, sent their identical replies to Marshal Sokolovsky's letter protesting against Sunday's elections in Berlin's Western sectors.

The American Military Governor, General Lucius D. Clay, told correspondents the reply would be sent to Berlin by telegram as quickly as possible.

Commenting on Eastern sector hints that the new Eastern "Provisional Administration" would "break down the sector limit," General Clay said: "These people (Eastern sector officials in Berlin) do an awful lot of talking. It is amazing that a new Government should create itself to replace an elected Administration when on December 5 there will be an opportunity to decide the matter by a vote."

NO LEGAL STANDING

The chairman of the Western City Assembly, Dr Otto Suhr, said in Berlin tonight that he had told his subordinates they "were not obliged" to follow instructions given by Herr Ebert.

He said the new Eastern Administration had no legal standing and that any acts it made would be "illegal assumptions of authority."

At today's "special meeting" of the Assembly in the Soviet sector of Berlin, Herr Ebert said the decisive step had been taken." The constitutional unity of the city has been restored. The splitting of Berlin has been stopped."

Herr Ebert continued: "One of the first tasks of the new Magistrat would be to carry through measures of socialisation in Berlin." He added the new Magistrat was only a provisional body and that now elections would be prepared.

The American Commandant in Berlin, Colonel Frank Howley, tonight described the setting up of a separate City Administration for the Russian sector as "an arrogant action completely devoid of legality."

Colonel Howley declared in an official statement that it was "a flagrant violation of the existing Constitution of Berlin and of all quadripartite agreements pertaining to the city. The citizens of Berlin may be assured that free democratic elections will be permitted in the three Western sectors next Sunday and that democratic rights and liberties will be safeguarded.

"Were it not for their tragic cynicism, today's Soviet-sponsored actions might be characterised as comedy at the State Opera," Colonel Howley said.—Reuter.

Andrews Sister Marries



LaVerne Andrews, one of the singing Andrews sisters, is pictured with Lou Rogers, a recording company executive, after their marriage in Hollywood at sister Maxene's house. Both bride and groom are 32.—AP Picture.

U.S. To Be Involved In Wide Defensive Alliances

Washington, Nov. 30.—Government officials predicted today that the United States a year from now will be tied to defensive alliances embracing most of the Western world. They identified these security arrangements as the Rio Pact and the proposed North Atlantic Security Alliance.

Congress ratified the Rio Pact last December and it is expected to go into effect next month.

The next Congress will be asked to approve United States participation in the North Atlantic Pact which is expected to be hammered out at a conference this winter by diplomats from the United States, Canada and at least five European nations in the so-called Western Union. These five nations—Britain, France, Belgium, Netherlands and Luxemburg—already have drafted suggestions for the pact and are expected to forward them to their ambassadors in Washington this week.

U.S. COMMITMENTS

The Rio Pact and the North Atlantic Alliance would commit the United States to help defend a large part of the globe. This "security area" would stretch, from pole to pole in this hemisphere and reach across the Atlantic to embrace the leading anti-Communist nations of Western Europe.

Before the Rio—or Western Hemisphere—Pact goes into effect the 14 nations must deposit their ratifications with the Pan-American Union. Thus far 13, including the United States, have done so. Costa Rica, the fourteenth nation, probably will deposit its ratification next month.

The Rio Pact commits the signatories to consider an armed attack upon any one of the American states as an attack upon all. Each signatory is obligated to assist immediately in meeting an attack by whatever action it considers appropriate. This, as requested by the United States constitution, leaves up to Congress the final say whether the United States would go to war.

SIMILAR PACT

Designed to bolster Western Europe against possible Soviet aggression, the North Atlantic Pact is expected to be drawn along similar lines. Although the United States, Canada and the Western Union nations are taking the initiative in developing the alliance, Italy and several other Western European nations are expected to join eventually.

To put teeth into the pact, the Administration plans to ask Congress for a multi-million dollar aid programme to help rearm Western Europe. The arms programme would be in addition to the European Recovery Programme.

United States participation in the Atlantic Pact may raise an interesting question. Suppose the United States, under its Atlantic Pact obligations, went to war to support Western Europe against an armed attack and the United States in turn were attacked by aggressors, would the signatories of the Rio Pact then be committed to join in an attack on the European aggressor?

As yet the question has not been raised publicly by any of the American nations. But the Secretary of State, Mr George C. Marshall, has made it clear this government will keep other Western Hemisphere governments fully informed on the progress of the "Atlantic Pact" negotiations.—United Press.

Spaak Wins Confidence Vote On A Show Of Hands

Brussels, Nov. 30.—M. Paul Henri Spaak's new Socialist-Catholic Coalition Government won a vote of confidence in the Chamber of Deputies tonight after a five-hour debate on domestic matters, notably unemployment.

Socialists and Catholics gave the motion unanimous support by a show of hands but Liberals and the Communists were against it.

The Premier had told the Chamber that the new Coalition Government should be given time to take necessary measures to tackle the difficult domestic problems of the day—especially unemployment.

He promised to direct his energy and that of his Ministers to the solving of the difficulties of the domestic problems facing the nation.

M. Spaak said his Government would take the following measures:

1.—An adequate policy on wages and prices.

2.—A foreign policy utilising to the full the country's connections with other foreign powers.

3.—Increased production and the amelioration of unemployment in the country.

4.—Reconstructionn and the repair of war damage.—Reuter.

Stanley And Bevin At Same Dinner

London, Nov. 30.—A witness told the Tribunal probing alleged corruption in British public life today that the Foreign Secretary, Mr Ernest Bevin, had attended a party given by Sidney Stanley, one of the key figures in the inquiry.

Mr Ronald Curtis, senior partner in a firm of property consultants, said the dinner, held last June, had been given for Mr George Gibson, a director of the Bank of England.

Mr Curtis said he had been trying to get a licence for alterations to a seaside hotel. Stanley had obtained an interview for him with Mr John Belcher, the Parliamentary Secretary to the Board of Trade, with whom he had brought up the matter of a licence.

Mr Belcher said he would look into it.

Later he met Mr Belcher again in Stanley's luxury flat. Mr Belcher said he had discussed the matter with the officials concerned. The licence was granted about a week later and he had not seen Mr Belcher again.

There had never been any suggestion of Stanley using his influence with Mr Belcher or of any payment being made either to Stanley or Mr Belcher.—Reuter.

Dockers To Go Back To Work

Paris, Nov. 30.—Agreement between the French Government and the Dockers Federation of the General Confederation of Labour, averting a nationwide strike, was signed here tonight in the offices of the Minister of Public Works and Transport.

The agreement stipulates that the dockers now on strike are to return to their jobs tomorrow. Many dockers remained out today despite the announcement of the verbal agreement yesterday.—Reuter.

Britain Has Secret Jungle Force In Malaya

Singapore, Nov. 30.—Britain has unveiled her secret weapon in the war against Malayan Communist insurgents—"Ferret Force."

It is composed of teams of trained jungle-fighters, Malays, Gurkhas and British. They are officered by behind-the-lines veterans of Burma and Malaya; ex-Chindits from Wingate's raiders and war-time leaders of Forces 136 (Secret Service).

The Malayan revolutionaries hide in the jungles they came to know during the war, when they operated as the Malayan People's anti-Japanese Army. Today they call themselves the "Malayan People's anti-British Army."

Since they launched their ill-fated effort to seize Malaya in late May, 1948, the Reds have used terror as their chief weapon.

PRINCIPAL OBJECTIVES

They have shot down unarmed civilians in cold-blood almost daily, and almost invariably they retreat when they encounter armed resistance. Their objects seem to be to disrupt production of tin and rubber—two key strategic war materials the West badly needs in these days of re-armament.

Skilled in jungle-fighting, the Reds seemed to melt away when regular troops went after them. They retreated to the jungle wilds, secure in the knowledge that they were safe from outsiders.

Four civilians—all former Force 136 officers—conceived the idea of "Ferret Force" to root out the Reds from the jungle hideouts. They took their name from the weasel-like carnivore which is used to hunt rats—Red rats, the Army explained.

Picked men from elite British units in the Far East were sent to Port Dickson, where a super-secret jungle training school was started.

JUNGLE TRAINING

Trainees were mostly jungle-wise to begin with. But they learned Commando tactics and proved their ability to live in the wilds for weeks with rice as their diet.

The first Ferret units began to go into the jungle. Their exact number in each unit is still a military secret.

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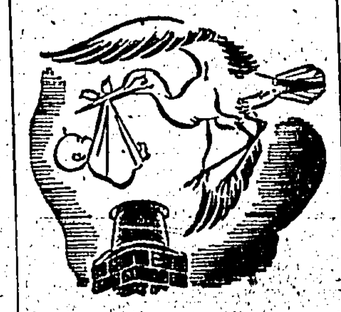
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